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BALTIC AIR SEARCH GOES ON

HOPE OF FINDING CREW VIRTUALLY ABANDONED

Copenhagen, Apr. 14. — The United States Air Force has virtually abandoned hope for the ten men missing since last Saturday aboard the Navy Privateer plane, but ordered full-scale search in the Baltic to go on.

Search headquarters announced at mid-afternoon that ten of the B-25 search planes have been ordered to return to their home bases. But the statement was retracted ten minutes later, when it was announced that undiminished "maximum effort" had been ordered.

It is understood here that the decision to reduce the search was countermanded by the "highest United States Air Force quarters," possibly in Washington.

The 7th Rescue Squadron will keep 20 to 25 planes patrolling the Baltic.

The belief is growing that the unarmed four-engine Privateer aircraft crashed and sank in the Baltic without a trace after being fired upon by Soviet fighters. The Russians claimed the plane had flown over the Soviet Republic of Latvia.

Moscow said yesterday that the missing Privateer was the plane on which its fighters had fired, but insisted that the American plane fired first.

An Air Force spokesman said almost all hope has been abandoned of finding the missing crew alive. Some 60,000 square miles of the Baltic, from Denmark east to within 20 miles of the coast of Latvia, have been covered four times, without turning up a clue as to the fate of the Privateer. Some believe the plane was shot down by a lighted match or by chemical in the toilet.

Officials, however, have declined to comment pending a full investigation into the mystery. — Reuter.

GRAVE CONCERN

Washington, Apr. 14. — The State Department said today that Czechoslovakia was pressing a "deliberately planned propaganda attack" against the United States Embassy in Prague. It said this situation caused "grave concern." — United Press.

EDITORIAL

Profits Out Of All Proportion

THE announcement that a Government appointed committee is to consider and advise on practical methods of reducing the retail price of fish will give comfort to thousands of consumers if they seriously believe that positive action will be taken. Few of the factors dominating the situation are contestable. Firstly, and astonishingly but for reasons fairly clear to all interested, fish imported from Britain is cheaper in the market than are the daily catches from a first-class fishing zone like the waters bounding Hongkong. Secondly, the wholesale market figures bear no sound economic relation to the cost to the consumer. In spite of the Government's declared opinion that forty percent gross profit should be more than adequate return for the retailer, the average is close to 100 percent when it does not exceed that. Remembering how vociferously the laity fought the official scheme originally, and how quickly they settled subsequently to acquiescence, the conclusion to be drawn presents no difficulty. The operators have neatly adjusted themselves to present-day conditions. The fishing community is satisfied, the middlemen rest in content, and the idea of grievance and complaint occurs only to the consumer. For middlemen, the wholesale market offers no complications; it is, on the contrary, a distinct asset. Auction purchases are confined to a single enclosure, the creation of an effective ring is simplified, and with the ring comes easy understanding that members do not descend to the level of spitefully outbidding one another. The operative principle compares with that of contractors tendering for Government building work. What is the answer? When the Government, appointing its committee, wishes it to be made clear from

the outset that it is committed to a policy of encouraging fishermen's co-operatives, witting or unwitting it points the solution. From the moment it is accepted that the key is to be found in breaking down the disparity between what the fishermen receive and what the consumer has to pay, progress becomes hopeful. Government's insistence that the wholesale fish market scheme has been of real service to the fishing community is conceded, but quite irrelevant. The complaint is not that fishermen earn too much but that retail prices are too high. To alter that, the Government's commitment to foster fishermen's co-operatives furnishes a constructive suggestion, connected with the art of killing two birds with one stone. Co-operatives do not imply the necessity of creating organisations to provide bulk supplies to middlemen. All the way through its processes seeking to improve the lot of fishermen and market gardeners, Government has stalled mid-way and failed in what also should be a primary objective, stabilising the cost of living as far as possible. Faced with its own admission that price reduction might be effected, readiness to go the whole hog should today be axiomatic. The simplest method of cutting excessive profits is a combination co-operative, embodying both supply and retail branches. Build the co-operative system with a clear understanding that its activities will ultimately cover the field from the catching of fish to disposal in the retail market. The only alternative, if results are demanded, would be strict control of all market prices and profit margins, and yet another expensive inspectorate. Self-control has had its opportunity; reform in that department would prove a futile pursuit.

The Spanish Armada Treasure



The Duke of Argyll and his son the Marquis of Lorne chatting to a diver when they visited naval vessels used in the operations intended to get the treasure aboard the galleon *Floresca*. First reward of the search, reported today, has been modern style empty beer bottles. (London Express Service).

GREEKS TO TRY AGAIN

Athens, Apr. 14. — General Nicholas Plastiras, strong man of Greek politics today agreed to try to form a new Government.

King Paul called him in after 50-year-old Sophocles Venizelos, Liberal Premier, handed in the resignation of his three-week old Cabinet.

The United States Ambassador here recently called for a stable government to make the best use of American aid.

General Plastiras may draw the four centre parties together. — Reuter.

Astounding Story Revealed In American Spy Trial

Garmische, Bavaria, Apr. 14. — Gustav Adolf Mueller, a 19-year-old American Air Force corporal, appeared before an American Court-Martial here today charged with "attempted espionage in favour of a foreign power."

During the hearing the "foreign power" was named by the Prosecution and witnesses as the Soviet Union.

The small, neatly dressed corporal joined the Air Force two and a half years ago. A German post office official of Garmische told the Court that Mueller posted a telegram to the Soviet Consulate at Berne early in October last year, asking to be put into contact with Russian citizens.

The post office official said he did not despatch the telegram but notified the American authorities.

An American Counter Intelligence Corps agent said, as a witness, that the CIC Headquarters sent Mueller, alias Watson (the sender's name given on Mueller's telegram), a dummy reply dated Berne, announcing the arrival of two Soviet Russians at Garmische for October 6. The substitutes were CIC agents.

The two witnesses said they asked Mueller why he wanted to carry out espionage work for the Soviet Union. They told the Court that Mueller replied: "I refuse to take any money as I have been a convinced Communist since my youth. My father fought side by side with Lenin in 1917."

Mueller, who hardly spoke a word during today's proceedings, had told the Court earlier that he was of Swiss origin. He also said he had been assigned to the American Armed Forces' intelligence school at Oberammergau, near here, when the alleged incidents related by the witnesses had occurred.

DOCUMENTS

The two "special agents" stated today that they asked Mueller on October 6 whether he had any access to secret documents.

Mueller said he had, and on their request promised to supply such the next day, the witnesses said.

They met again the next day at a hotel here, with three other CIC agents making notes of their conversation from the adjoining room.

According to the evidence, Mueller handed over several documents, one of which was secret and one confidential. The secret one was said to refer to sabotage activities against the Soviet occupying power carried out by Soviet Zone Germans.

The burly Norwegian said he planned to visit the foreign ministries in London and Paris for consultations with the French Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, if the latter's health permitted.

"If Generalissimo Stalin is in Moscow, I probably will see him."

The confidential document referred to the activities and scope of the Russia Department of the Oberammergau intelligence school, according to the witnesses.

They said they then opened the door to the adjoining room and the three entered and arrested Mueller.

The Defence Counsel charged today that the two "special" agents had provoked Mueller to spy. Mueller's intention when filling in the telegram was to get into "ideological touch with some genuine Communists."

The seven-man Court, composed of United States Air Force Staff Officers ranking from Major to Colonel, adjourned the trial until tomorrow. — Reuter.

Lie Bid To End The U.N. Impasse

Lake Success, Apr. 14. — The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie said today that he would probably go to Moscow next month. There is "something of importance" to discuss with the Kremlin in connection with the deadlock in the world organisation, he said.

He made it clear at his Press conference that no final decision has been made for him to visit the Soviet capital during a three-week trip to Europe. But he announced that Konstantin Zinchenko, the Russian Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council affairs, would accompany him to Europe because "if the trip to Moscow should be arranged, he would be helpful on that trip."

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"If I have time and deem it necessary, I will inform the Foreign Office in Moscow that I am in Europe, if they want to see me or I want to see them. In Paris or Geneva I will decide whether to go to Moscow."

Despite his preparations for exhaustive talks in Europe, Mr. Lie held little hope for a quick settlement of the United Nations impasse, centred about the Soviet demand to oust the Chinese nationalists in favour of Mao Tse-tung's Communists.

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The Film Resurrection of Margaret Lockwood

SHOW TALK by HAROLD CONWAY

This month will be critical for Margaret Lockwood. She will make her first appearance in a film studio after an absence of well over a year.

A year is a long time away—particularly for our No. 1 film star. (Still, I think Miss Lockwood has increased her reputation as an actress by going on the stage for a year.)

What is Mr Rank going to do with Miss Lockwood now?

**COWBOYS ARE
PRETTY FINE
FELLOWS**

SAYS MELROSE GOWER

Many movie stars suffer from a temperament at times. Certainly, they have their wrangles with directors. They high-tail their fellow players occasionally. But, there's one movie idol whose feet aren't clay, and whose pay isn't hay—the man who stars in Westerns.

Jack Buckle, John Wayne, Ben Johnson, Randy Scott, Tim Holt, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Bill Boyd, George "Gabby" Hayes—such men are "solid"; never cause a bit of trouble. Why?

CITY MEN

Well, some may say, cowboys are naturally pretty fine fellows, earnest, hard-working and all that. That's true, but these Western stars didn't get their schooling in manners from early life on the range.

Jack Buckle started his youthful labours as a clerk in a Dallas, Tex., insurance agency. Tim Holt, descendant of such old Southern families as the Marshalls and the Breckensridges, was born in Hollywood and broke into pictures when he was ten years old. John Wayne, son of an Iowa druggist, was a motion picture property man.

Randy Scott, born of wealthy parents and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, toured Europe for a year before he became an actor. Roy Rogers worked in an Ohio shoe factory, picked peaches, drove a sand and gravel dump truck.

Bill Boyd drilled oil wells, sold automobiles, clerked in a grocery store.

Gene Autry was an Oklahoma railroad telephone operator. No, it's neither heredity nor early environment that makes so-called "cowboy" stars big-hearted, kindly men, the best-loved men in Hollywood. It's their present association with the supporting players in these operas.

The supporting players and extras in other types of films are not always gentlemen. They're ambitious; often rather selfish; they do a little throat-cutting here and there; a little tabbing in the back; a little hogging of the camera.

FAITHFULLY AND WELL

But the men who support the stars of Western pictures have only one ambition—to do faithfully and well any job asked of them. They seek no publicity, desire none. They are men who grew up on the cattle ranges of the old West, men who have faced the fiercest competition of America's roughest, quietest men, loyal to their friends.

There's Harry Willingham, who from 1919 to 1922 was foreman of the Palomas Land and Cattle Company in Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, an outfit that grazed 100,000 cattle on 2,500,000 acres.

There's Frank McCarroll, former champion bulldogger of the world. Three times at Madison Square Garden, three in Chicago, twice at Fort Worth, once at Pendleton, again at Cheyenne this range veteran defeated the best the West could send against him.

Count in, also, Andy Jaurague, one-time holder of the world's cat and steer roping championship. A ranch owner now but still a cowboy.

A quiet little man in the east is Lewis Morphy, quiet and trustworthy. He's the only man most of California's cowboys will let shoot a cigarette from their lips while "Morphy" is on the back of a horse.

Yes, and there's Buck Buckle, once a top hand with the big Pyramid Stock and Land Company, of Nevada; Card Arnold, champion steer roper from New Mexico; Harry Lodge, champion bronc rider from Newhall, California; Dick Farnsworth, who won the bareback riding championship in five out of seven consecutive rodeos, and was second in the two others.

From constant association with men such as these the city-bred stars of Western pictures learn simplicity, dignity, courage and a sense of honest hospitality.

can goodwill towards British pictures. Last year a British production, "Hamlet," got the top award. Several influential members of the "Oscar" committee promptly resigned—after carefully explaining that "Hamlet" had nothing to do with their gesture. This year there has been no hitch. American cinemagoers have been assured that British film achievements do not reach the prize-winning class.

Goodwill? Not Likely!

BRITISH nominations for an "Oscar" included Carol Reed's "The Third Man," Sir Ralph Richardson's performance in "The Heiress"—voted by New York critics as the year's best, Richard Todd in "The Hasty Heart." All were ignored. American goodwill? Not if the American film trade can help it. Moral for our own studios concentrate on pleasing the home and Empire market—you'll never beat the Hollywood machine.

Mr Rank Also Ran

I hope our film producers have noted the latest "Oscar" awards in Hollywood (particularly those producers who still hope for ephemeral profits from the American market). For not one British feature film, not one British star, not one British director collected an award in this year's list—in spite of all the bullhoo about Ameri-

The Anxious Mr Kaye

DANNY Kaye's visit to London—for the West End premiere of his new film, "The Inspector General"—sounds like reminder-advertising to me. Transatlantic reports have


 MARGARET LOCKWOOD
As she was in Cardboard Cavalier—her last West End film.

suggested that Kaye has been slipping slightly with American audiences. And in London there is competition in the air.

So far as television's Milton Berle is concerned Kaye need not worry. Berle has proved a decided flop in his first starring film.

But Danny Thomas—who has just opened at the Palladium—is another matter altogether. Thomas can give Kaye a well-matched battle.

No wonder that Mr Kaye en route for the Continent, has decided to look in on London.

Job for Miss Burrell

SWIFT change of fortune for vivacious Sheila Burrell—who came from Dublin (and that Abolition play) to act the witchboy's wife in "Dark of the Moon" last year.

A few days ago Miss Burrell, playing Anne Boleyn on tour, learned that the play was not coming into London—and that she was out of a job.

Now she has been given the star female role—a kind of Parisian Trilby—in "The Man With The Umbrella," which comes to the Duchess.

French dramatist Louis Ducreux wrote this curious mixture of fantasy, satire and drama. It has been awaiting a West End production for a year, ever since its try-out at Windsor Repertory Theatre.

Charles Goldner will repeat his Windsor performance, as the man who gets Sheila Burrell's consent to be her Svengali for 12 months.

Britons for Broadway

BROADWAY producers obviously do not share the Hollywood view—that British stars are box-office poison to American audiences.

An all-West End company, headed by T. S. Eliot's play, "The Cocktail Party," to fashionable triumph in New York.

In preparation for its Broadway production, "Black Chiffon" has shortly to finish its London run—since the American management insist on Flora Robson and the rest of the Westminster cast going over with it.

Now the American impresario, Shephard Traube, has been on a flying visit to London—to recruit an all-British cast for a Broadway production of Aldous Huxley's "The Gioconda Smile."

Traube came here to choose one or two West End artists only. But a week's intensive theatre-going here has changed his mind. Our actors are too good to miss, he tells me.

—London Express Service.

WHAT'S NEXT?



Jean Simmons, all of 21 now, looks into the future. What's next? Hongkong has yet to see her in "Adam and Eve," acclaimed by European critics as the best comedy of 1949.

But Jean is a serious girl, a contention that this portrait supports. She prefers drama and she has considerable scope for her dramatic talent as the T.B. patient in Somerset Maugham's "Sanatorium," one of the three pieces of Maughamiana that make up "Trio," the successor to "Quartet." The film is just about to be completed at Pinewood Studios.

What's Jean's next. Her choice is "Precious Bane," in which she wants to play Mary Webb's hare-lipped heroine.

Cashing In On The Spy Scare

First film producer to cash in on the current spy scare wave is Russian-born Paul Soskin. Having just completed Waterfront at Pinewood, he has now bought Llewellyn Hughes's "Paid In Full."

This story, serialised in "The American" magazine bears, "an uncanny resemblance to current events," says Soskin.

The producer bought the story as soon as Fuchs was arrested and hopes to get it into production at Pinewood soon. Because "Paid In Full" is the title of a recent American romance, Soskin has had to find another name for his film. Inspired by a newspaper headline, he has chosen "Escape to Death."

Soskin hopes that Glenn Ford will play the lead. Although Ford is contracted to Columbia he is free to make one independent film a year. During a recent trip to England he met Soskin and said he would like to have first option on the producer's next picture. A treatment of "Escape to Death" has therefore been sent to him in Hollywood.

A naturalised British subject, Paul Soskin entered the film industry on 1930. He is managing director of his own production company, Conqueror Films Ltd. His pictures include "Quiet Wedding" and "The Weaker Sex." "Waterfront," his most recent subject, starring Kathleen Harrison, Robert Newton, Susan Shaw, Richard Burton and Avis Scott, deals with Liverpool dockside life.

THE "CHAMPION"



Kirk Douglas as Ring Lardner's "Champion," that immortal character of boxing fiction who "was a champion, went out like a champion and was a credit to the fight game to the very last."

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NONE of us goes through life without making friends with people of both sexes. It is seldom that these friendships are wrong in themselves. The danger point comes when a friendship develops in such a way that it threatens the happiness of those to whom we are already committed.

The whole lives of your wife and children are built round you. You are responsible that their trust in you, on which all affection is based, remains inviolate.

Can't you see that your nurse's professional honour would condemn her? The moral conflict in her mind would surely invade her normal nursing duties, and her patients would suffer.

Any woman who has unusual and privileged access to a man who has physical strength and will power are at their lowest ebb of responsibility. Engaged or married, the danger of this friendship is very grave, because you can talk of your marriage as "monotonous," and you are disappointed with your home.

The signals have turned red; you must take yourself violently in hand, before it is too late.

When you go home, set about making yourself why your marriage is monotonous. After 20 years it should be becoming a very happy and deeply satisfying achievement.

Have you failed? Has your wife? Talk it over with her, and let both be frank with each other.

See a wise marriage counselor together, and learn how you can begin afresh with a confidence in each other all the deeper because of what you both have been through these past four months.

The dilemma of the children

"I have not seen a boy of my age for 20 years. My father told me that I can get an order from the court to presume her dead, and be free to marry again. My wife-to-be is a Catholic and I am Church of England. She is quite prepared to marry me in a Church of England church, but she has been told that if she does she will get her husband in trouble. What shall I do?"

WHEN two people marry, and they belong to different religious persuasions, serious problems at once arise. That is why both the Roman Catholic and the Church of England authorities so severely discourage the practice.

Take the children. They grow up to find that on the spiritual level father and mother go different ways. They are forced to take sides in their own mind. It is a cruel dilemma into which to place an affectionate child.

If father or mother leaves the religious training of the children to the other partner the damage is worse. The conflict in the children is increased, for now (let us say) father disbelieves in religion, and mother is keen. They can't both be right.

If both father and mother don't bother at all, and so hope to save the children's mental conflict, what happens? They go to school, only to find that they are "queer" among children brought up, on the whole, as Christians.

All this you must consider before making a fateful marriage. If you still intend to go ahead, remember that you must each respect your partner's religious beliefs and disciplines.

Many have changed their Churches and have found a solution to their problems this way. But such a step must be one of moral conviction, and not a superficial escape from a spiritual dilemma.

—(London Express Service)



"No wonder your country's on the way out—1950 and still using oars." London Express Service

I hunted for treasures on Fossil Island

Bernard Wicksteed has a last look at DARKEST AFRICA

Rusinga, Lake Victoria.

ALL the best explorers eventually stumble on a "Lost World" full of strange people or extinct animals. So I thought that before leaving Darkest Africa I ought to do the same.

There are, undoubtedly, unknown animals still to be found in Africa, but inquiries showed that I might easily spend the rest of my life looking for them and still not succeed.

So when I heard of a scientific expedition setting out to an island of fossilised animals on Lake Victoria I attached myself to that as an alternative.

After all, fossilised creatures are just as extinct as those you find in a lost world, and they are much less dangerous.

Tortoises the size of cars

SO there I am, the first white reporter ever to set foot on Rusinga, the fabulous lake of fossils in Central Africa.

Twenty-five million years ago (which was only the other day, geologically speaking) the island was part of the shore of an ancient lake to which animals came down to drink.

There were tortoises the size of 8 ft. cars. (Though not in fact, it is as big as a dog and a creature as small as a mouse but as fierce as a lion.)

There were hyenas that stood as high as a horse, with jaws that could crack open the bones of an elephant, hedgehogs that couldn't curl up, and a thing like a guinea pig as big as a desk.

Leading over them all were tens of thousands of apes, different from any known today, with teeth that were half animal, half human.

They lived in a world rich in fruit trees and nuts. There

were melons, apricots, peaches, cherries, peas, beans, and a spice like nutmeg. And if the crocodiles that had made his discoveries possible.

There are fossils on the island wherever you tread—bones from the forebears of the lion and the leopard the rhino, and the hippo.

Parts of more than 200 apes have been found, including an almost complete skull now in the British Museum.

Sometimes there were sudden disasters in this ancient world. In one sun-baked patch of crumbling rock Leakey and his fossil hunters came on the remains of ten rodents, three anteaters and a hedgehog, caught by some prehistoric flood and drowned together.

Near it is Lowy Corner, where calamity overcame a colony of wood lice. More than 100 of their fossils have been found (three of them by me), and there are probably thousands more for the searching.

Some clumsy ancestor of the modern elephant may have pushed their tree into the water or perhaps a naughty ape-boy picked them out from under the bark and threw them into the lake, one by one.

There's a place they call the Garden of Eden, a patch no more than 30 yards square, where the seeds of more than 70 kinds of fruit and nut trees have been turned to stone.

A plague of snails

EVERY time the researchers look over their things, they find something new, though so far no one has discovered a fossilised trout.

There were roses in the garden, too, because I myself found some fossilised rose thorns.

The only trouble about the place from the gardener's point of view was the plague of snails. There were millions of them.

ATOM DEFENCE: AMERICA CAUGHT NAPPING

By Frederick Cook

New York. AMERICA is lagging far behind Britain in her plans for defence in the atomic age. An atomic Pearl Harbour tomorrow would catch most American cities not only without any defences at all, but without any plans.

Scientists have constantly warned that civilian defence in atomic war would mean every-one over 15 taking part.

Yet hardly anyone living in New York, Philadelphia, Washington or Chicago has the slightest idea what might happen or what to do should attack come.

Apparently it is assumed that "there will be plenty of time" and that there will be allies "on the other side" who once again will stand between America and the first blows.

One of the very few States to have created a Civil Defence Corps somewhat on the lines of the last war's ARP is New Jersey.

There, Governor Alfred Driscoll has ordered a skeleton organisation with key men in each important community. They are to be trained how to handle the civilians in the event of war.

His order followed a "civil defence test" some weeks ago, which proved a frightening failure.

State authorities ordered American Red Cross and New Jersey Civil Air Patrol units to take part in an exercise which pre-supposed that everything within 10 miles of New York had been destroyed.

NEVER ARRIVED

Everything within 15 miles was supposed to be fatally radioactive.

Fifty aeroplanes were to appear at dawn to pick up survivors.

Half of them arrived late in the afternoon. The rest never arrived at all.

Mobile radio units failed completely, jammed with messages from various control points. Ambulance drivers hung around all day with nowhere to go.

—(London Express Service)

SATURDAY AT THE DIAMOND HORSESHOE

The waiter believed in mind over menu

by BILLY ROSE

SAUERBRATEN, I'd like to explain for the benefit of the gastronomically uneducated, is the East Side equivalent of ambrosia, and when served properly this meat dish is usually swimming in a golden brown gravy, flanked by potato pancakes—those heavenly derivatives of the lowly spud.

Well, the other Thursday, tortured by a craving for this delicacy, I loaded my pockets with bicarbonate and trekked down to a certain restaurant on the East Side which, with the possible exception of Luchow's, serves the only sauerbraten in New York worth a second drool.

The dinner rush was over by the time I arrived, and a waiter with a face like raincloud leather plopped a bottle of seltzer in front of me, an assortment of breads and four pieces of pig-iron cutlery wrapped in a napkin.

Then, without waiting for me to order, he disappeared into the kitchen. Ten minutes later he returned, and set a steaming platter of sauerbraten in front of me.

I was about to dig in when it occurred to me that I hadn't ordered—or had I?

Could it be that, obsessed by my craving, I had muttered "sauerbraten" while he was setting the table? And I doctored the word on the cloth?

When the waiter brought the coffee, I said, "How did you know what I wanted?"

"I been workin' here twenty-five years."

"But how could you tell?"

"By looking at you."

"I didn't think it showed," I said.

"Okay, now you know. You don't want no dessert so here's your check."

The incident bothered me all week, and so last night I decided to give the telepathic waiter another try.

As per usual, I had a yen for sauerbraten, but to confuse him I concentrated on roast duck.

This time, however, instead of hot-footing it to the kitchen, the tray-footer gave me the slow up-and-down.

"Make up please the decision," he said. "Roast duck no or sauerbraten yes?"

"Sauerbraten, yes," I said meekly.

"Let me in on the secret," I said, when the meal was over.

"How do you do it?"

"Hard to put a finger on it precisely," he said. "Mainly, it's a lot of little small things."

"When you're in the business long enough, comes a time you know what it means when a customer's nose shivers or, say, he drools a couple drops like he's thinking about something juicy."

"Or take when a vegetarian comes in he looks kinda disinterested in food to begin with, and you get an idea by the way the corner of his mouth lifts whether he's thinking of sour cream."

"DON'T you ever make mistakes and get in trouble?" I said.

"Mistakes I don't make, but trouble I once got into. Last year two of our customers got married—the lady a vegetarian and the man a steak-and-egg type."

"When they came in for a meal after the honeymoon, I naturally went to the kitchen and brought out a salad for the wife and a big steak for the husband. When the wife saw the steak, right away she began to yell."

"You lied to me," she said. "I married you with the definite understanding no more meat."

"The waiter made some terrible kind mistake," said her husband. "I was thinking about a salad same like you."

"My mind must have been some place elsewhere," I excused myself to the couple. So I took back the steak while the husband's eyes followed like a laundry dog, and then I brought him on a plate a whole head cabbage, unstuffed, and told him, "Enjoy."

HIS story finished, the waiter scooped up his tip and switched off the neon sign in the window. "If time now I should have a little bit something myself," he said.

I studied his face and tried to figure out by the drop of his underlip what he was going to eat, but his face wasn't talking—at least to me.

"What're you going to have?" I finally asked.

"I don't know," said the waiter. "I can't make up my mind."

—(London Express Service)



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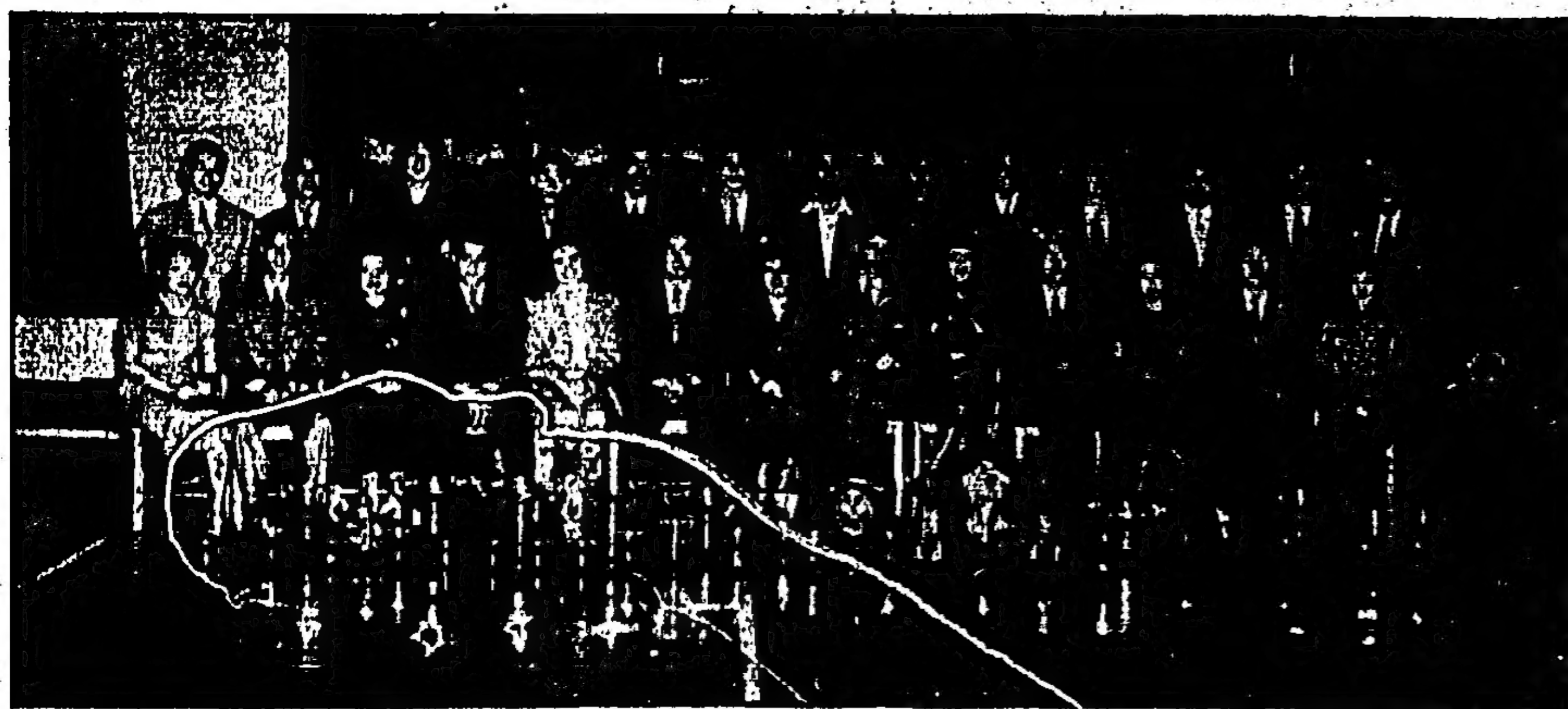


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MR F. C. Clomo (seated centre), this year's President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, with his new Committee. (Golden Studio)



MR Peter Mo and his bride, formerly Miss Barbara Holona Falkingham. They were married at St Stephen's Church, Bonham Road, last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PHOTOGRAPH taken after the Easter Monday wedding at St John's Cathedral of Mr Paul Edward Court and Miss Dolores Ann Owen Hughes. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Party given at Stonecutters by the Agreement Men's Mess, H.M. Dockyard, to bid farewell to Mr T. Bird on his return to the United Kingdom by the ss Carthage, which left yesterday. (Jimmy Foo)



MR George Cecil Yow and Miss Lily Loung, whose wedding took place at the Registry last week. Mr Yow is chief interpreter of the Tenancy Tribunal. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE 3rd Commando Brigade Inter-Unit rifle meet took place at Stonecutters last week. Here are three pictures taken on the occasion. In centre of picture on the left is Sgt. W. Mortiboys, who carried off the individual championship. Lt. H. N. Cooper and Lt. W. Robson (right and left respectively) came second and third. All three are from 40 Commando. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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Let Paris Check Your Sportswear Ideas

LOOKING at the new Paris collections with an eye to the sportswear future, here are some stimulating ideas to check.

In silhouette, the shift back to more moulded fronts, while retaining bloused backs, is something to note carefully.

Easy manifestations of straighter lines are in the moulded neckline, contours with fullness below; the "windblown" front and back line at Paquin, the supple vertical lines suggested in neck-to-hem pleats at Dior.

Designers have shelved it for summer, because of laundering problems chiefly.

The still-moulded suit jackets, with hip-accenting pleats, and the still-coming slim and boxy jacket-suits, sound most interesting for suits. The latter hints at boyishness again.

Some individual ideas and designs which may be stimulating:

The skirts with oval apron fronts, called "almond skirts," at Dior. And double-apron front dresses at Mangin.

Hip-length "blouses" of allover embroidered gray tulle, bloused to a plain hipband and shown over a slim gray wool skirt, at Griffe.

The straw-lace jacket shown over a dress, at Balenciaga.

Tunics slit over dresses, Chinese in feeling, at Molynoux.

Bras with knickers, and some knickers under wrap-on skirts at Gres.

Embroideries in a big way—embroidered linen and head-fringed crepe, for example. Even feathered linens, at Fath.

The "shutter-jacket" at Balmain—made of narrow strips faced in contrasting colour.

Jackets inspired by smoking jackets, at Fath.

A Spring Perennial



By Vera Winston

EACH year, that perennial spring harbinger, the navy dress with white touches, takes on a different approach. This season's version is especially neat and pretty as evidenced from the sketch above. It is a new model of navy wool crepe with stiff white silk faille for the detachable collar and cuffs, the collar posed over the navy wool collar beneath. A fly front closing on bodice and a skirt that is entirely pleated, with pleats sewed down to mould the hip-line are other details. A navy suede belt completes the outfit.

New to us are the cotton chenille sweaters, sometimes with a silk or lisle finish. These are ideal for sports wear, are cooler than the woolen variety, and are often made in loose, shirt styles. One I saw was deep purple cotton velour with a plunging neckline. A silky cotton had a design of large squares all over, with a tiny motif in each alternate square.

FOR BEACH

For the beach, elasticated strapless sweaters are gradually taking precedence over shirts and ordinary sun-tops. Women believe they are comfortable and attractive.

At all the shows so far this year we have seen quantities of knitted lace, and at Dorville I saw many sweaters with double lace frilling at the neck, lace yokes, or lace collars.

The prettiest sweaters for young girls are the ones with deep off-the-shoulder neckline and tiny cap or puff sleeves. One I saw was pale blue, with flower motifs embroidered all over in tiny coloured beads and sequins in pale pastel colours.

Colouring was often adventurous. A light purple sweater

had narrow horizontal stripes of pale blue, yellow, tangerine, black and deep purple, from neck to waist.

The sweater world is a limited one, try as designers will, they cannot make a sweater look like anything else. So they often turn their attention to unusual decoration on the basic garment, and the latest craze is for cellophane strips to be knitted into the fabric. This gives a glistening effect all over. Sometimes the cellophane is in stripes across the sweater; sometimes it decorates a yoke only.

Gold tinsel thread, worked into the design, is also becoming popular. I saw a green and gold cap sleeved sweater with a gold tinsel thread collar. A plain black wool sweater had a latticed tinsel thread yoke.

TINFOIL & CORK

Oddest of all was a beige sweater with low curved neckline, which had scattered all over it discs of gold tinsel on which were stuck smaller circles which were cork. We feel inclined to ask why, and foresee dreadful calamity when cleaning time comes. Although, upon reflection, I suppose cork circles on a sweater are no more ludicrous

SPRING SWEATERS are novel and fanciful

LONDON,

ALTHOUGH scientists would have us believe that the world is getting warmer by degrees, Englishwomen take a great deal of convincing. The new tight-skirted suits they have accepted, with their usual equanimity, but the elaborate brocade or lame blouses have had a chilly reception. To English women a suit must be accompanied by a sweater. Proof of this can be seen in the increasing numbers of unusual sweaters seen in the London shops, both for day and for evening wear.

Dorville, which specialises in knitwear, has perhaps the most representative collection in London, and illustrated on this page are two typical sweaters from this house.

ANGORA CURE

In spite of the fact that angora is reputed to shed fine hairs in all directions (and usually does), the popularity of these soft-as-silk garments is in no way diminished. From a fairly reliable source recently I heard that a certain "cure" for moulting angora gloves is to wrap them up and place them in a refrigerator for a couple of days, but I hesitate to recommend this treatment!

Deep purple, mauve, pale blue, and black, seem to be favourite colours. Sleeves are either tiny, or the large dolman type. Many fall straight to the hips, like a mildy blouse, while others had very high corset waists.



Evening sweater by Dorville in fine black wool with deep cowl collar edged with double row of wool frilling in black and ice-blue.



Glamorous angora-bathing sweater also by Dorville with toning gloves and swathed dunce's Cap also in angora.

The Feminine Figure From 1850-1950

THE feminine figure has changed a lot since the day of Venus de Milo. Changed for the better, we think. But when we take a look at the fashions of the last hundred years and the strange and wonderful

Mother was proud, and Mother was modest. She smiled though her corsets were killing her and never, never mentioned them when gentlemen were present.

Gibson Girl

Corsets were "straight-front" in the Gibson Girl era. Waistlines were a bit larger than they were in Grandma's day and the Gibson girl felt very emancipated. She was the first "shirtwaist girl." She ran pink and blue ribbons through her "corset cover" which daringly showed through her "peek-a-boo" waists. She didn't mind showing a trim ankle and contrived to exhibit an inch or two of starch of white petticoat as she stepped onto a car.

But she was still painfully modest. Don't forget the long black stockings and the below-knee bloomers and full pleated skirts on her bathing suits.

At least she was feminine! Came the twenties, and our girl ceased to be that. It was her aim and ambition to be as curvaceous as a boy. Bras came in... in a manner of speaking... but their job was to subdue curves, not enhance them. And as for corsets, they came as near going out as they have in a hundred years. For why wear a girdle under a four-sack? There was at least one period in the twenties when dresses were shapeless sheaths, with holes for neck and arms, and a string tied, not around the middle, but at the hips.

Curves Come Back

And then figures came back like girls... bras began helping instead of hindering and girdles

corsets that went along with the fashions, it's a wonder feminine beauty of figure has survived at all.

The belle of the 1850's and 60's laced herself into an 18-inch waist-line and somehow managed to go on eating and breathing. In 1900, Mother was still laced to a far-thriller well and went about the business of living encased in bones, stays and padding enough to make a strong man groan with agony.

Everything has a new dimensional quality—not flat, but high and raised with domed and high surfaces paved, heaped or encrusted with stones and beads.

Ear-Top Earrings

Earring news includes top-of-the-ear interest. A Paris dress-maker has chosen a rhinestone model which covers the ear completely and comes over the cheek. A gay earring features cherries and cherry leaves on gold wire at ear top, and two cherries at the lobe.

Look for big-type necklaces, to fill in open necklines; look for pendants and cluster arrangements.

The new sleeves demand bracelets—even important-looking bracelets in multi-strand pearls.

got to work slimming hips and giving hosiery a chance to show what a firmly gartered stocking could do. And now we have nylons that are light as air, innocent of bones, and more flattering than Mother's "iron-maiden." Who says that styles aren't better? Who says that the girl of 1950 isn't just as pretty and twice as comfortable as the belle of 50 years ago?

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Long hair again by winter say hairdressers

LONG hair will be fashionable again by the end of the year, according to leading London hairdressers.

By then, they say, so many people will be wearing their hair in the short cut that fashionable women who want to be "different" will revert to long styles.

"In ten to twelve months' time we shall encourage our clients to grow their hair a little so that they will still be the leaders of fashion," one London hairdresser said.

"At first false hair will be popular to give the illusion of length while women's hair is growing.

"But before this happens styles will get even shorter. They will go to a shingle-peak at the back, but will be soft and feminine, and nothing as ugly as the Eton crop will return."

A Berkeley Street hairdresser reports that many of his customers have already tried growing their hair.

"But they soon have it cut short again when they see the result."



By Christmas this style will be "old fashioned" say the hair stylist.

SPRING JEWELLERY HAS A TOUCH OF THE 20'S

COLOUR is big news in spring jewellery. Pastel pearls, brilliant and pastel enamels, coral, turquoise, moonstone and opal are all styles to watch for. Opal in particular, is staging a strong comeback.

Two colours together are better than one. Look for combinations of coral and pearl, turquoise and pearl and white beads used in combination with gold and silver.

Crystal Comeback

Crystal with pearls is a fashion headline, imparting a new formal look for springtime. Crystal, so popular back in the 20's, has staged a spectacular comeback. Old-fashioned jet is good with patent leather accessories. Cuff bracelets and earrings, all identified with the 20's, are all high in 1950 fashion favour.

Everything has a new dimensional quality—not flat, but high and raised with domed and high surfaces paved, heaped or encrusted with stones and beads.

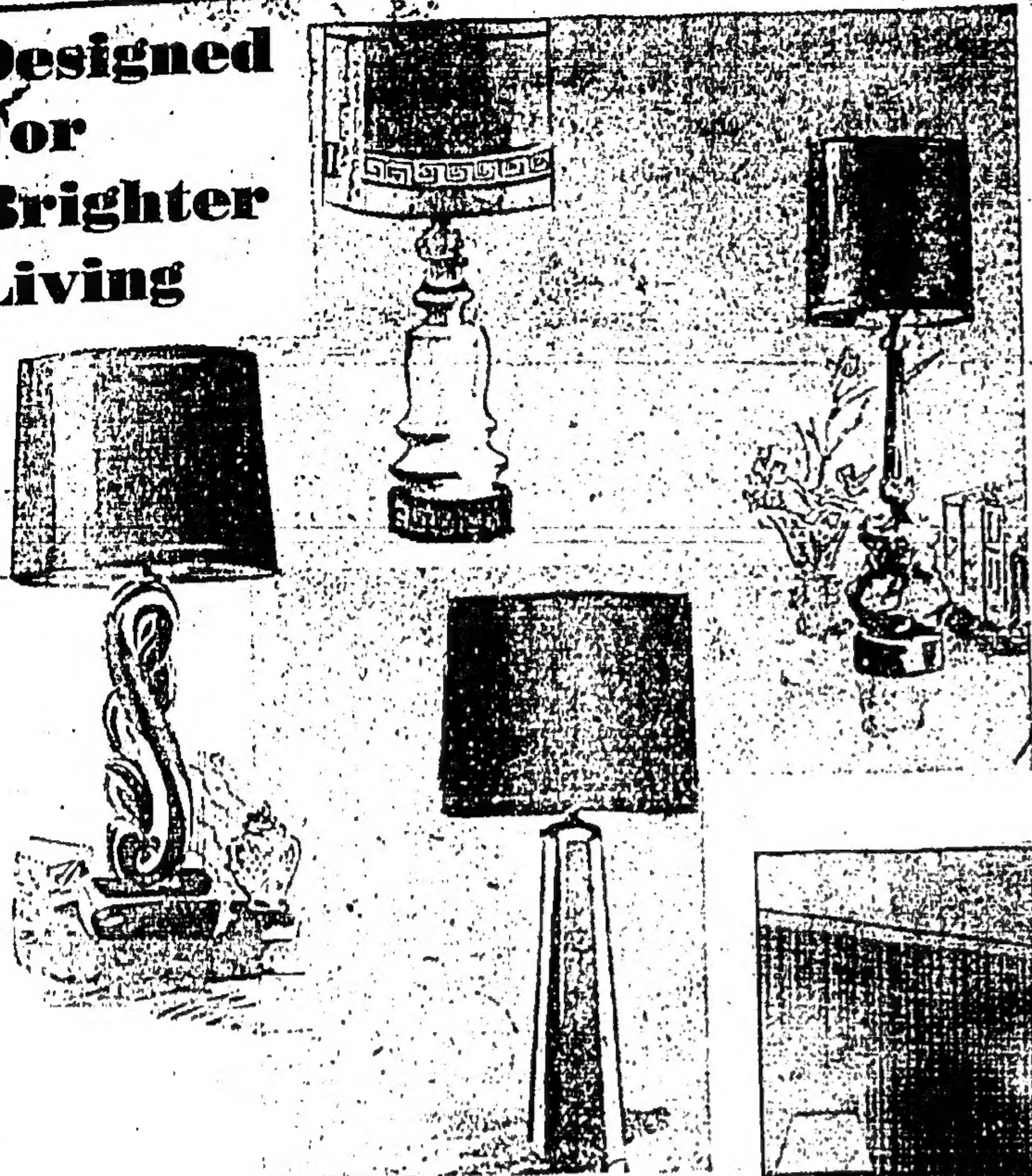
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Authoress Suggests . . . How To Choose Your Husband's Suits —

A WIFE may buy most of the family's apparel, but a man's suit is one article that the husband usually insists upon choosing himself—although perhaps considering her good judgment. In any event, little has been done to help men become better suit buyers.

There is a new publication entitled "Buying Guide on Men's Suits," based on research done in the laboratories of the U.S. Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics.

The man who works in an office may find satisfaction from a suit made of fine, soft worsted, such as sharkskin or unfinished worsted, this booklet tells us, but the man whose work takes him out-of-doors will find better service from a twist, homespun or other rugged cloth.

To judge and choose cloth for a suit, Charles L. Scott, author, says it is important to know the strong and weak points of the different suitings.

Worsteds, those including serge, gabardine, sharkskin and unfinished worsteds, are the long-wearing and wrinkle-resistant fabrics. You can identify them by their close weave and hard finish. One disadvantage of smooth fabrics without a nap,

such as a serge, is that they are likely to become shiny. Twests and homespun—popular with women as well as men—fall into the class of "woollens" and are also long-wearing and wrinkle-resistant. They are less firmly woven than the worsteds and do not keep their shape or press as well.

Twists—yet another kind of woolen—feel and look stiff compared with the fine worsteds. They are good buys for men who give their suits very hard wear. Men need to know their fabrics because the name of the cloth—whether gabardine, tweed or the like—is not always a reliable guide to its quality. Miss Scott brings to our attention that the same names used for high quality suitings are also used for suitings cheapness of lower grade wools or other fibres to cut the cost of manufacture.

Fibre-content labels required by Federal law offer some help. They give the kind of wool, and how much the suiting contains and percentage of other fibre.

ADD AN EXTRA POUND RECIPE

TO BUILD UP the reserve that eventually forms extra pounds, your goal should be 3,500 calories every day. Eat slowly; rest fifteen minutes after eating; avoid tension and strain at all times.

Here's a menu for one day which you can use to pattern all your meals. One pound a week is about all you can expect from it if you know your weight level is stubborn:

BREAKFAST, 895 calories: 8 oz. orange juice, 2 slices whole wheat toast, buttered, 2 tsp. honey, 1 egg with 2 strips of bacon, or whole grain cereal with top milk, coffee with cream. Mid-morning, 180 calories: Glass of milk.

DINNER, 990 calories: Roast veal with dressing, boiled potato, cream style corn, tossed green salad with French dressing, roll and butter, rice pudding, tea or coffee. Before bed, 220 calories: 8 oz. milk and 4 graham crackers.

LUNCH, 845 calories: Cream of asparagus soup (cup), sliced cheese sandwich, cold sliced, cup custard, 8 oz. milk. Mid-afternoon, 460 calories: Chocolate malted milkshake.

This week's GADGET

By JOAN DALE



THIS special gadget is most useful for removing hot meat dishes, cake tins and casseroles from the oven without burning the fingers. It is made of aluminium sheet, turned up at the sides to prevent the tin from slipping off. Blade is 11 in. by 3 in., with an 8 in. handle made of plain beech.

(London Express Service)

by PAMELA BLAKE

TO make spring-cleaning tasks more pleasant there are paints and distempers with a spring-flower perfume which lasts until dry.

For the nursery's new colour scheme there is "Charles Blue" paint; for kitchens and larders an oil-bound washable distemper containing DDT to keep away flies.

The carpet doctor is a useful man at this time of the year. He can mend invisibly patch threadbare pieces or holes, or alter the shape to fit a new room.

Lights up

BADLY lit kitchens, dim reading corners and beds insult the eyes. Equipped with light for reading are the chief causes of

eyestrain and headaches and are quite unnecessary. Kitchen ideas at the lighting service Bureau include a 4 ft. ceiling-mounted enclosed fitting containing a fluorescent lamp, local lighting for the cooker from a spherical wall fitting and a fluorescent lamp which lights both the china-glass cupboard and the working shelf beneath.

For the bedroom there is the last word in make-up mirrors fitted with lamps of the three main colour types—natural fluorescent, warm white fluorescent, and architectural fluorescent—so that it is possible to make up for whatever form of lighting you may meet.

New ideas for the lounge or a bed sitting-room include a pivoting bedside lamp, with two fluorescent lamps which in one

position is a bedside light and in the other acts as a table or desk lamp, and a three-way picture frame fitted with fluorescent lamps and tubular fluorescent lamps and below the frame. With separate switching it can be used as (a) a three-dimensional decorative feature, (b) for soft indirect lighting when the upper lamp is used alone, and (c) for supplementary reading light when the lower lamp is used alone.

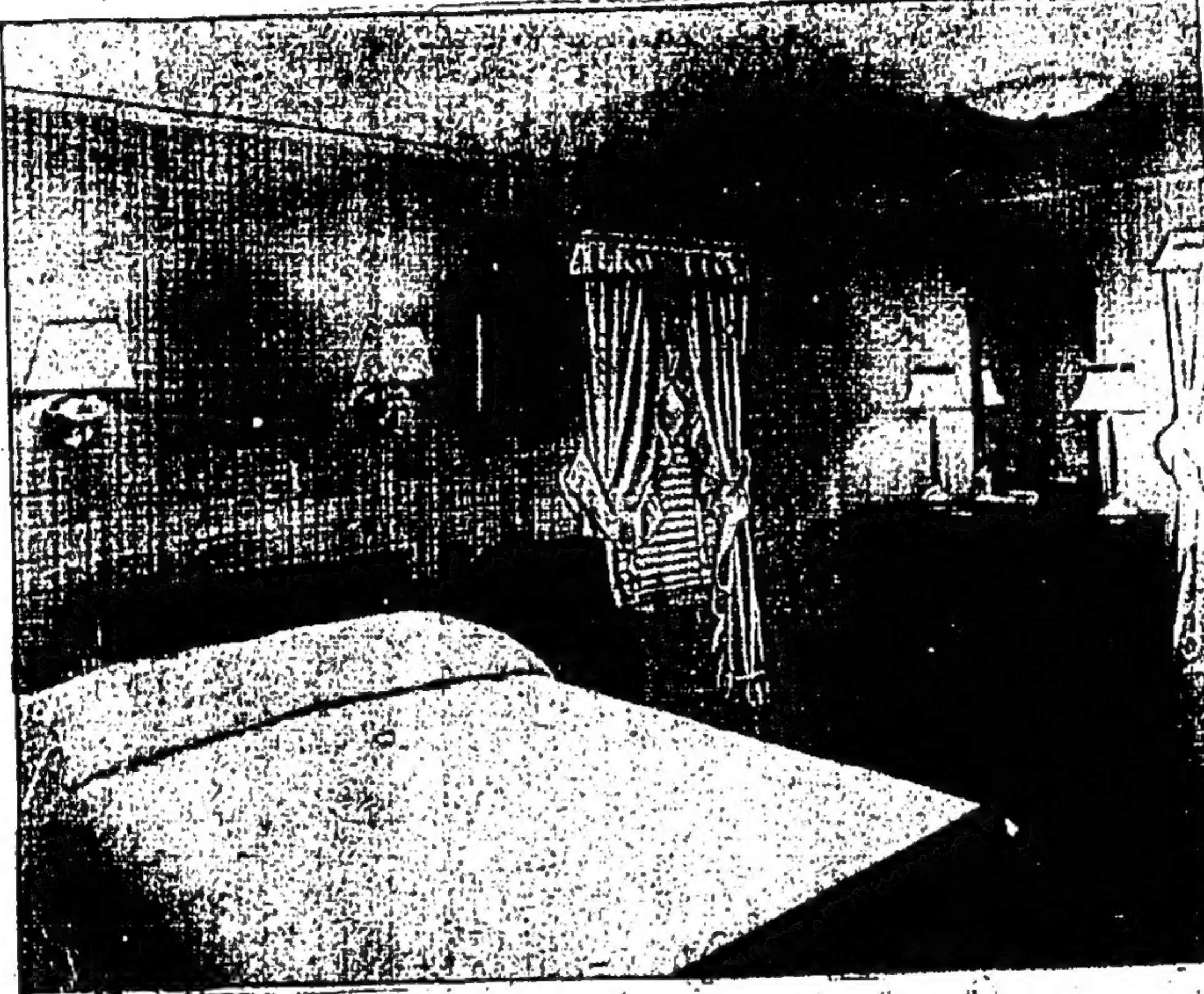
Women who object to some of the new fluorescent lighting because it is unflattering to complexion, will have no complaints about the latest lamp, called "Mellow Light."

It's an idea . . . that may make tea cosies obsolete, interlined teapots and hot water jugs, which guarantee a piping hot "second cup." They will be seen at the BIF.

to make your own furniture from the new self-assembly panel kits. One outfit, in either cream or walnut finish, makes 10 pieces of furniture and costs 40s. (a wonderful Easter egg for the young man with carpentry ambitions).

Things to come LATEST American blankets are of light nylon seersucker, treated with a new process called Decoring to give greater warmth than the heaviest wool blanket. Process can also be used for clothing to give warmth without weight.

(London Express Service)



SCIENTIFICALLY PLANNED LIGHTING in the bedroom includes two pin-to-wall lamps over the bed equipped with diffusing bowls for easy-on-the-eyes light; twin dresser lamps and a ceiling fixture for general illumination.



THE LIVING ROOM, 17 FEET SIX INCHES by 11 feet 4 inches, has a wood-burning fireplace, built-in book shelves and large picture window. The floor lamp has a diffusing bowl for glare-free light just right to read or work by.

TREATMENT FOR COMMON MUSCLE CRAMPS

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MANY people suffer from sudden painful knotting up of the muscles of the legs. These muscle cramps may result from a variety of disorders; hence, a knowledge of the cause must precede any attempt at treatment.

A deficiency of calcium or lime salts in the blood is one of the common causes of muscle cramps. This lack of calcium may, in turn, be due to failure of the parathyroid glands to make enough of their secretion. It may also result from insufficient intake of calcium, an excessive loss or lack of vitamin D.

Muscle cramps may also occur when there is a loss of chlorides from the body due to excessive vomiting or the taking of too much of an alkali preparation,

such as baking soda. Excessive sweating and diarrhoea, as well as failure to get enough salt, may also cause muscle cramps.

They occur in diseases affecting the nervous system, such as paralysis agitans and epilepsy. Muscular cramps may follow exercise, chilling, and muscular fatigue.

Effective

Muscle cramps occur especially in elderly persons during the night. Recently, a number of these patients were treated with ammonium chloride, a drug which increases the acidity of the body. This is given in tablet form, three times during the afternoon and evening. It was found that such treatment was effective in preventing these cramps in three-fourths of the cases. The

treatment is carried out for from two to four days and is then stopped until the cramps recur.

When the treatment is successful, it is found that the patient is free from cramps for a period of from three to 20 days. When they recur, the treatment is again administered.

No ill effects were noted in the patients. However, continued treatment should be avoided in patients with kidney disease or those who have some other condition which may lessen the amount of alkali in the blood and tissues, for the degree of acidosis produced by the giving of ammonium chloride may result in an excessive or dangerous acidosis. Those who suffer from muscle cramps will do well to consult with their physician concerning this type of treatment.

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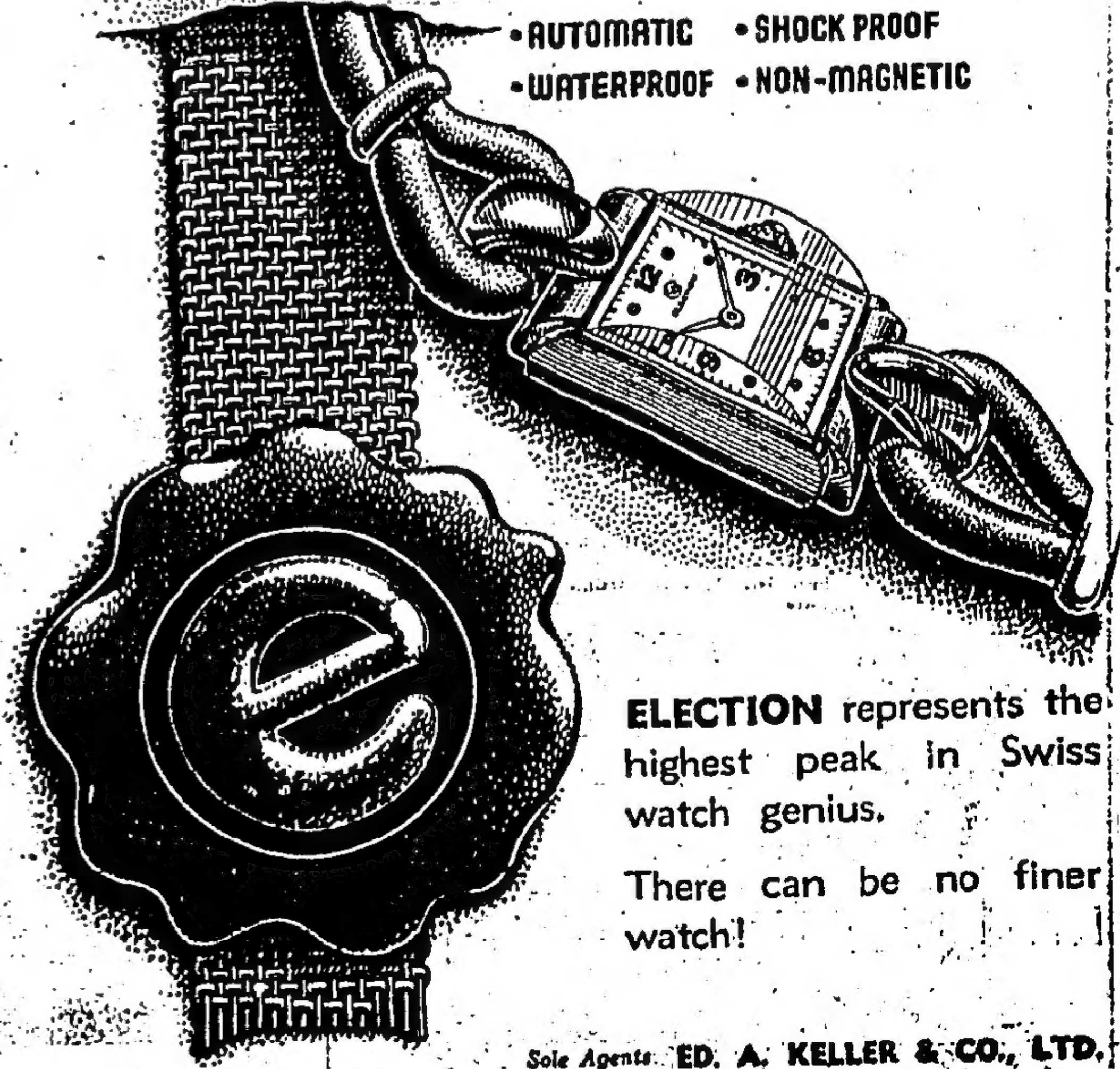
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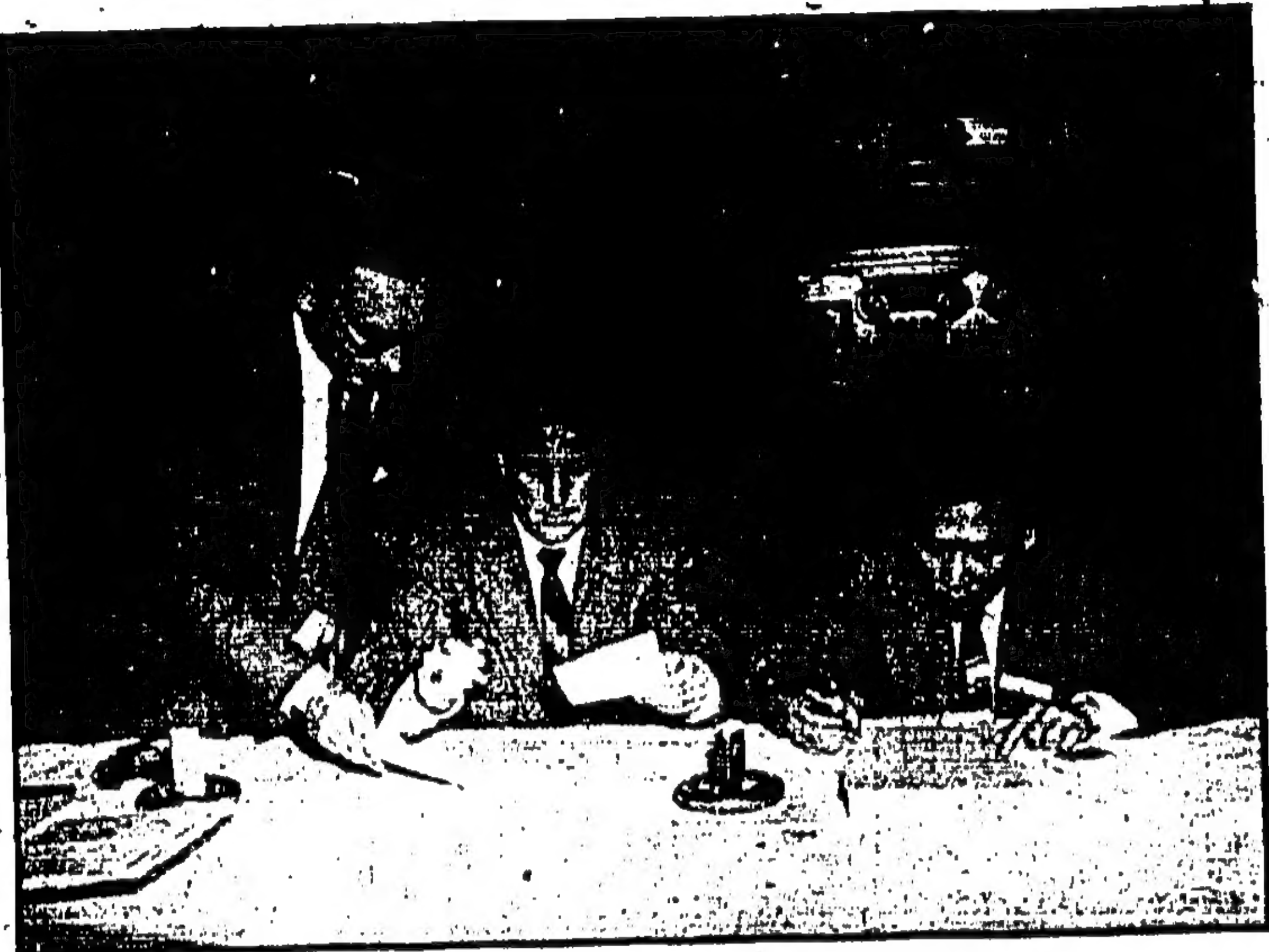
THE wedding of Mr Lee Ming and Miss Tsong Chiu-kwan at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday brought together two prominent Chinese families. This group picture was taken after the church ceremony. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TWO scenes from the ballet programme presented by pupils of Miss Carol Bateman at the Tai Ping Theatre on Tuesday. Left: Norcen Maycock and Kirsten Rasmussen in the juvenile leads of "Hansel and Gretel." Above: Ensemble from the same programme. (Francis Wu)



MISS Lila Vincent (sixth from right) and some of her pupils after a vocal recital given at the Diocesan Girls' School on Tuesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR H. Howell, Vice-President of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Messrs M. J. Oromus and Alexander Ng, members of the Board of Directors, at the election of officers of the newly-formed organisation last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs A. J. Eger with their children after the christening of the youngest, Rita Annabel, at St Joseph's Church last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)



ABOVE left: Guests at the third birthday party of John Pope, son of Mr and Mrs C. Pope. (Ming Yuen)



GROUP picture taken after the wedding at the Registry recently of Mr W. L. Arter and Miss Choi Yun-hing. (Nathan)



MR Edward H. Lockwood, who is retiring after 35 years' service as Advisory Secretary of the Chinese YMCA, speaking at a farewell party in his honour held at the Cafe de Chine. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MRS B. Hall, Commandant of the VAD, greeting the GOC-in-Chief, Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, at the farewell party given in her honour on Wednesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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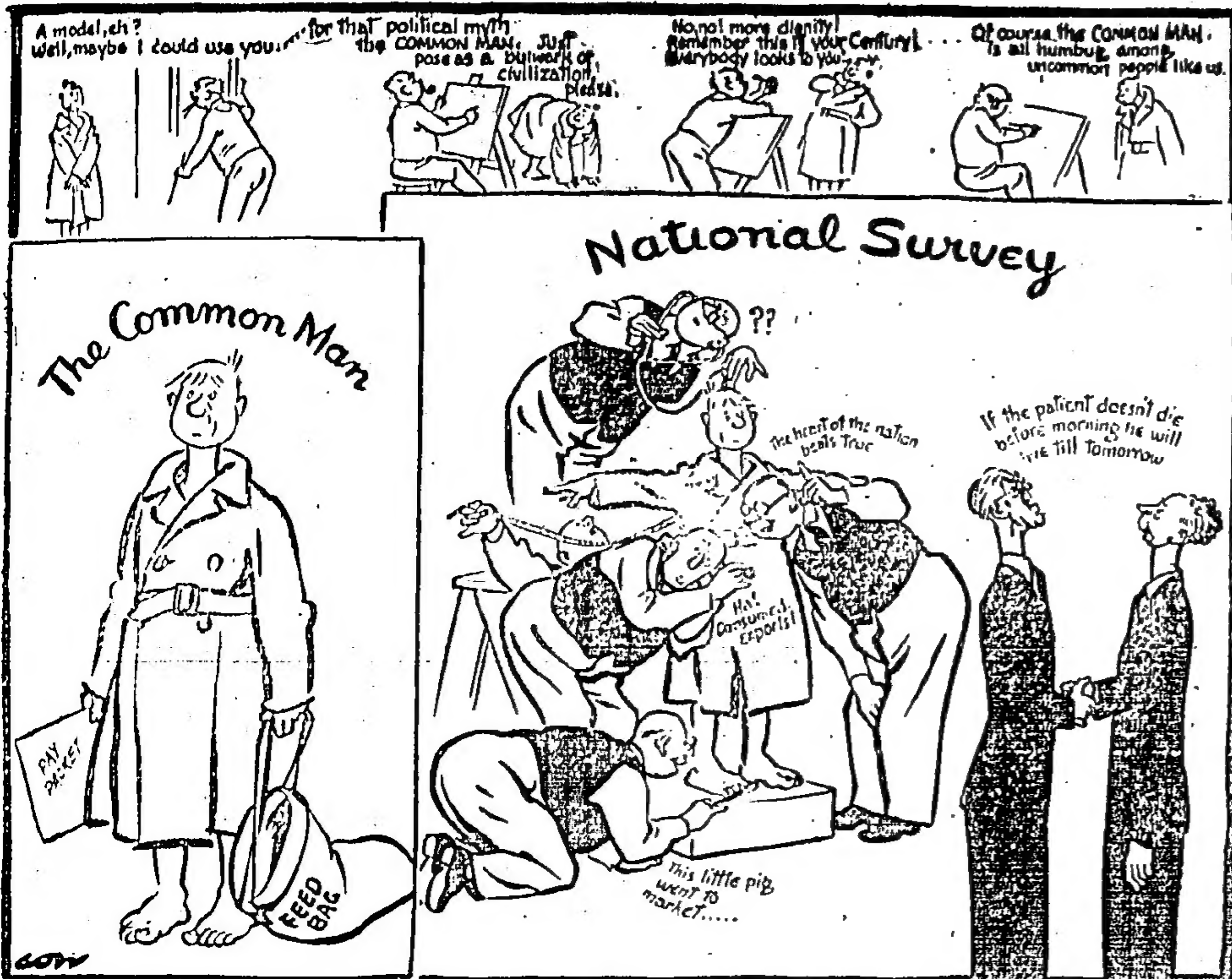
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THE BIG ? QUESTION

If Molotov succeeds Stalin

by Lieut.-General
SIR GIFFARD MARTELHead of the British Military Mission
to Moscow, 1943

MR MOLOTOV is taking over a great deal of the work from Marshal Stalin to ease the strain and enable the Marshal to conserve his strength. What can we deduce from this? Shall we see any major changes in Russian policy?

Let us first examine the characteristics of these two great men, and we will start with Marshal Stalin.

Stalin's father was a very difficult character. His son, Joseph Stalin, was destined for the Church and he received a good education.

As he grew he developed a strong attraction towards the teachings of Lenin. Eventually he was absorbed into the revolutionary movement in Russia, and became its leader.

ALLOWED TO VISIT FRONT

ON my first visit to Russia in 1936 Stalin never emerged from the Kremlin and none of us saw him.

When I went to Russia in 1943 as head of the British Military Mission, the position was quite different. I saw Stalin and discussed matters with him on many occasions.

He gave me full facilities to visit the front and see the Russian forces and discuss the situation with the Russian troops and commanders in many different sectors.

When I returned from this visit I found that I could not get much interchange of ideas with the Communist leaders, but it was Marshal Stalin who arranged for me to have discussions with the Russian General Staff and I had long meetings with them about three times a week.

We discussed everything together, and learnt much from each other.

This was the turning point of the war, and a little later the Russians launched their offensive operations which led to final victory.

USED TO CALL ME 'OLD FRIEND'

I REMAINED on friendly terms with Marshal Stalin and he used to call me "Stary Doet"—"Old friend."

As a man he was ruthless and probably unscrupulous, but he undoubtedly held the confidence of the Russians.

I formed the opinion that he would have liked to co-operate more closely with the Western world, and that he was prevented from doing so by pressure from his associates such as Molotov.

Later I realised that I was wrong, for Marshal Stalin was not in entire agreement with the other Communist leaders and determined to spread their Communist autocracy all over the world.

Marshal Stalin had, however, a real sense of humour.

In discussing him Mr Winston Churchill once said: "I always all he is a man with a saving sense of humour, which is of high importance to all men and to all nations."

I decided to test his sense of humour on one occasion.

It was at a Kremlin banquet which I had to attend. I knew I would have to reply to a toast from the Russian to the British military forces, and I prepared my speech in Russian.

ALL ROCKED WITH LAUGHTER

When my turn came I said before I came to Russia that I would have great difficulty in establishing liaison with the Communist leaders.

Actually I had got on fairly well with them, and particularly with their General Staff.

I then went on to say that between us we had solved this problem of how to get on with each other.

There was then a dead silence, while they sat to hear how this problem had been solved, and I explained that the solution was to "paralyse aorta a tolka paydu," which means to talk quite openly and nothing but the truth.

After a moment's silence, they all rocked with laughter, and Stalin, who was sitting back in his chair, slapped his thigh with delight and repeated my last sentence.

He then called me up and we had a long, friendly talk.

Of course, no Communist leader ever talks openly, and he is not always very truthful.

Stalin's sense of humour enabled him to see that it was a complete leg pull and they all seemed to enjoy it.

A COLOURLESS INDIVIDUAL

COMPARED with the bluff manner of Marshal Stalin, Molotov's ways were much less attractive.

He was obviously a man of great ability and a very hard worker, but I cannot remember a single occasion when the Military Mission succeeded in getting anything from him which we needed.

In all the conversations I had with him I never got anything tangible out of him. Instead of giving me his famous "No" he would politely say, "I don't think so."

I cannot imagine a more colourless individual than Molotov.

His dark-coloured suit, his bespectacled face, his thin hair and small moustache would give a stranger the impression that he was a middle-class professional man—probably a solicitor.

In our official conversations, it was always Molotov who knew the answers. All the intricate figures were at his fingertips.

He was always with Stalin at the talks, and if the Marshal was ever in doubt on a particular point Molotov was instantly ready to refresh his memory.

Although I could never detect what went on behind his polished face, I must say that Molotov was always friendly, courteous, and smiling. He had no outstanding mannerisms, and his habits and conversation were of a colourless.

Stalin was never without his pipe, but Molotov smoked only an occasional cigarette, and drank very little. He talked only of his work.

The inner workings of the Politburo are kept as a closely guarded secret.

I do not myself believe that any change, such as the placing of so much power in the hands of Molotov or even the eclipse of Marshal Stalin, would alter their policy.

I believe that they have made the necessary plans to deal with every eventuality of that nature.

USELESS TO TALK WITHOUT STRENGTH

THEY have a fanatical determination to spread their Communist autocracy over the whole world. To achieve this result their plan is simple and sound.

By spreading Karl Marx Communism in the early days, the Communist leaders succeeded in overthrowing the Czarist regime and capturing the whole of Russia in a year.

They then exported these teachers to other lands as a softening-up process to pave the way for further expansion, and in the meantime they established complete autocracy—which is the exact opposite of Communism—in Russia.

As they advanced after the war this process continued.

Every country which they took was placed under autocratic Communist rule, complete with concentration camps and a slave army.

The Karl Marx Communists were sent further afield to continue their softening-up process.

By using this technique the Communist leaders have now seized half Europe and most of China and Burma. It is unlikely that they will arrest this process.

Why should they do so? It has served them well.

The danger of the subjugation of the whole world to this bestial form of life is there for all to see.

It is now generally realised that if we turned cold war on to Russia we could free the

subjugated countries in Europe which are behind the Iron Curtain.

But this might lead to war. We are not prepared to face this at present.

Hence we must build up the necessary forces as a first step.

Russia, to keep us in a state of fear, has succeeded, by very clever propaganda, in making us think that her forces are not only large, but also very well equipped.

If the Western nations raised a comparatively small but highly skilled army making full use of armour and mobility and working with a strong tactical air force we would have nothing to fear from a Russian attack.

It is useless to talk to Russia until we have this strength.

—London Express Service.

DANIEL GEORGE examines

aspects of love as seen by the world's great writers:

JEALOUSY

Beware, my lord, of jealousy; it is the green-eyed monster.

—SHAKESPEARE

JEALOUSY, at any rate, is one of the consequences of love; you may like it or not, at pleasure; but there it is.—STEVENSON.

JEALOUSY is born with love, but does not always die with it.—LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

JEALOUSY is never satisfied with anything short of an omniscience that would detect the subtlest fold of the heart.—GEORGE ELIOT.

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SPY MANIA PAID OFF

By C.V.R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK. SCOTLAND YARD doesn't figure any more in all the crime plays broadcast on the American radio. The FBI has taken over.

And as far as the American public is concerned, it is the same in fact as in fiction.

Today the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) is the most publicised secret service in the world. It acquired a new sense of pride when Americans learned how easily atom-spy Dr Klaus Fuchs had fooled Britain's police.

Back in the days when John Dillinger was the FBI's most formidable quarry, its boss, J. Edgar Hoover, was sometimes criticised for spending too much time in night clubs. Now that he has become an unapproachable man of mystery, anyone who criticises him is likely to be called "a dirty Red."

With impunity, Hoover can work against the wishes of the Government that employs him. His is the only department in that Government which automatically gets from Congress all the funds it asks for.

Security is the magic word which has performed all these miracles. Security, or, if you like, spy mania.

Listening in

FOR two years or more the loyal American has considered any Communist—and many who were no more than Leftish—a dangerous spy. It has been claimed for Hoover that in this he was way ahead of all other loyal Americans.

Even while the war was still on he is said to have decided that domestic Communists were a volunteer espionage ring for Russia and a potential sabotage ring.

So Hoover acted, and the spy scare was on.

Some of Hoover's best agents—most of them are budding lawyers and all are university graduates—walked out from the neat-as-a-pin Washington headquarters and disappeared.

Not till years later was it disclosed that they had become members of the Communist Party, where patiently and painstakingly they counter-spied against "the spies."

Other agents were ordered to eavesdrop. They were given lists of suspects. Every telephone conversation made by these suspects was tapped.

From the talks the eavesdroppers listened to they found more suspects. At the height of this campaign FBI agents were listening to as many as 170 telephone conversations in one day.

Most Americans accept it as that.

They don't like wire-tapping and they agree with the famous Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who called it "a dirty business." They don't like the possibility that secret files are being kept of every man and gossip about some of their fellow citizens.

Hoover does not like his FBI to be called a secret police force, even though he has thousands of agents working secretly all through the land. He prefers the title: "Nation-wide intelligence system."

Criticism less

EVERY part of the Right-wing Press has been highly critical of the loyalty check system. But most of the public and most of the Congress that now represents them think in spite of their misgivings, these are necessary evils during the cold war.

The Fuchs case has convinced many who still doubted that spy mania pays off. They are saying what Mr Hoover has been very careful not to say at any rate in public, that it was the FBI which found out about Fuchs.

Until further notice there is likely to be more rather than less of what Mr Hoover likes to call "surveillance." But Britain, they say, is safer in America, will no longer dub this nation's preoccupation with spies as a "mania."

—(London Express Service)

OF all passions, Love is most violent, and of these bitter passions which this Love Melancholy affords, this bastard Jealousy is the greatest, as appears by those prodigious symptoms which it hath, and that it produces. For besides Fear and sorrow, which is common to all Melancholy, anxiety of mind, suspicion, aggravation, restless thoughts, paleness, meagreness, neglect of business, and the like, these men are further yet affected, and in an higher strain.

It is a more vehement passion, a more furious perturbation, a bitter pain, a fire, a pernicious curiosity, a gall corrupting the honey of our life, madness, vertigo, plague, hell. . . BURTON.

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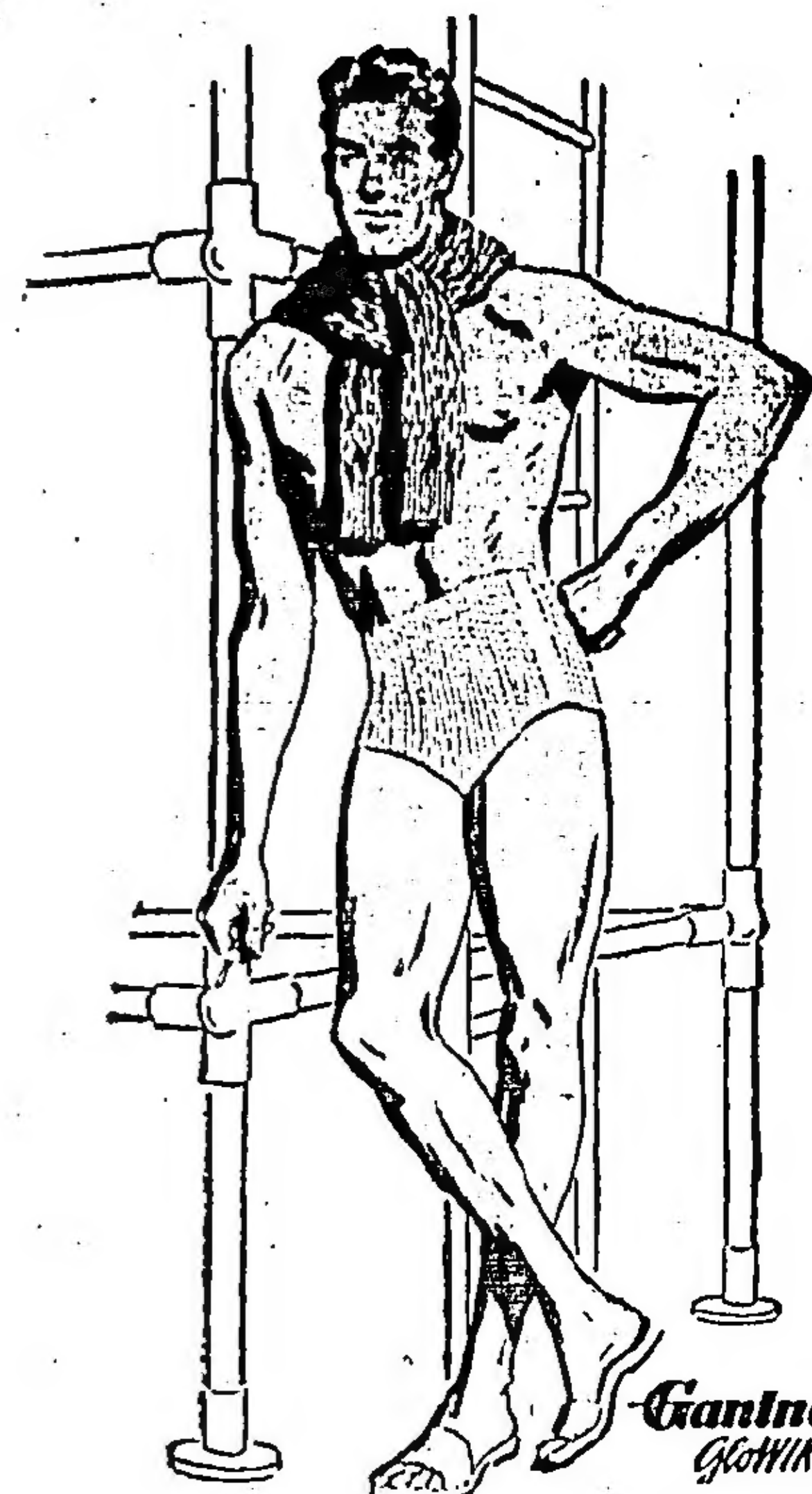
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—PRIOR.

—(London Express Service)

Week-end Football

THE KOREANS ARE HERE ONCE MORE FOR A SOCCER FESTIVAL

BY "UNOMI"

Today all roads will lead to Club ground, Happy Valley, where the visiting Korean team play the opening game of a series in another visit to Hongkong.

The Koreans paid us a visit in January of last year and proved their ability by decisively defeating Hongkong by a score of 5-2. The visitors' side for the present series includes five members of last year's successful team. The lanky, bespectacled inside-left who was captain will be in today's line-up.

The Hongkong selectors have chosen a strong side, which introduces several newcomers to the Colony XI. Hsu Yung-sung, who has only recently recovered from a leg injury, has lost a lot of his sparkle, but together with Chiang, the St Joseph's left-back, can be relied upon to form a fine defence.

Hayes, the Commando centre-half, gave a sterling display in the International Cup Final last week and if he produces the same form today, everybody will be happy.

Santos, at left-half, is probably the youngest player ever to be selected to captain the Colony XI.

Little need be said of the capabilities of the Yung-fun and Yiu Cheuk-yin, the Kitchener pair who form this afternoon's right wing.

Galvin will have his debut in the Colony team as partner to Lee Tai-fai. Both are clever ball players who should be able to combine nicely.

The forward line is led by Brown, the Army's shining centre-forward, who has struck top form in the past few weeks. He is a forceful player who, if given proper support, will be a constant menace to the Korean defence.

SUNDAY'S FEATURE

The Korean team will play a Combined Chinese XI on Sunday on the same ground and at the same time. When these two teams meet last year it was the best match of the series. Hongkong managed to win by scoring a last minute goal.

The Chinese selection for tomorrow's game contains six Kitchener players, four from the Kowloon Motor Bus team and one curvaceous selection, Lai Wai, of the Police. Youth and experience mingle in the line-up.

and it is to be hoped that these will be played properly.

St Joseph's is at pivot and Tang Yee-kit, the lively KMB player, is at centre-forward. It will be a fast pace game played at a fast pace throughout.

The visitors will conclude their programme by playing their last game on Wednesday. The HKFA is undecided as to who will make the better opposition for this game, a Hongkong XI or the Kitchener team which recently won the First Division League Championship and the Senior Shield.

INTERNATIONAL FINAL

The football fare provided over the Easter holidays was of the best. The Senior Shield final between Kitchener and St Joseph's was a top class game, fought in true cup style for the full 90 minutes.

Kitchener had taken the lead in winning the Shield, the winning goal being scored in the last minute of the match being played in the last minute.

They were, however, the better team. They showed fine understanding of each other's play and forced their way with well-placed passes, but they were up against a defence second to none in the Colony.

Brown, Rocha, Chai, and Leonard and Santos formed a solid defence for the Saints which tackled hard and cleared well. Brown was called upon continually to defend his goal.

and despite the slippery ball he did everything under control. The Saints' forward line was most disappointing although their attacks were always in the swift raid style and kept the Kitchener defence alarmed and alert.

When it came to good, constructive attacks, the St Joseph's forwards had little idea of this type of play. Castillo has seldom had such a quiet afternoon. Ng Kee-cheung, the tall Kitchener pivot, gave the small centre-forward no change in the air and his long legs were useful in upsetting any ground attacks.

IMPASSABLE

Castillo eventually switched to outside-right, Xavier going into the middle, but it was of no avail. Ng was impassable. The visitors had a good defence with Kwok Yung-kee, in the unexciting position of half-back, once again showing his versatility by turning in a fine performance.

Ng Kee-cheung's display at centre-half was flawless. The half-back line kept a tight grip on the Saints' forwards.

Chu Wing-kun was the player who did the most damage forward. He used his speed to advantage and often ripped open the opposition's defence, but the other forwards made little use of his good work.

Ho Yung-fun and the youthful Yiu Cheuk-yin were clever, but Lai Shun-wing and Chang Kam-hoi slowed up the line. A noticeable feature of the game was the continual switching of positions of all five Kitchener forwards. This, however, did not upset the resolute St Joseph's defenders. Full marks to the Saints for providing us with such fine entertainment.

The Junior Challenge Shield was won by Army, who decisively beat the Commandos by 3-0. Army were much faster on the ball than their local opponents. The inside-men gave a grand display, using their wings with fine crossfield passes.

Margden scored a spectacular goal, dribbling past four defenders to slam the ball into the net.

INTERNATIONAL FINAL

The International Cup Final between Portugal and China played last Monday was another close game. China won by the odd goal in five, the winning goal being scored from a disputed penalty kick awarded against England a minute from full time.

The English showed fine fighting spirit. China opened the scoring, then Margden equalised. The Chinese once again took the lead and held on to it until five minutes from the finish.

England's centre-forward, Brown, proved his match-winning ability by netting one of his goals after chasing a long clearance from Hayes, the centre-half, collecting and carrying it on to score with a smart shot from 10 yards out.

The penalty in the last minute finally settled the issue. Outstanding for England were Fairbrother, Tezer, Hayes and Wooton. China was well served by Yue Yiu-tak, Lai Wai, Ng King-cheung and a sprightly forward line.

KMB-DISAPPOINT

In a First Division League game last Sunday, Kowloon Motor Bus, who were at full strength, disappointed their supporters by losing 2-1 against a makeshift St Joseph's side.

Hsu King-sing in the Saints' goal had many fine saves. Pittman, a newcomer to the St Joseph's team, was prominent in the pivot position, allowing Tang Yee-kit little scope.

THE BRAVES ASSEMBLE



The Braves, Junior League Champions for two years in a row, assemble here for a group photo as a Senior Division team that reached the Final Play-offs.

The Braves are:

Standing (from the left): Robert Remedios (Coach), Edó Almeldo, Gerry Gosano, Avichi Yvanovich, Gussie Pereira, Spiky Gutierrez and Charlie Figueiredo (Manager).

Squatting (from the left): Chappy Remedios, Tony Osmund, Ramon Loureiro, Carlos Remedios, Tony Alves and Junior Remedios.

SOFT BALL

Senior League Play-Offs Continue This Week-end

BY "STARDUST"

Softball's Senior League Play-offs continue this week-end. At the moment, Frank Cleary's Americans seem to stand the best chance. They have beaten the Braves and Jaguars in the first round, but it is not improbable that the tables will now be turned in the return engagement with Jaguars at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

Braves, twice Junior Champions, will cross bats with the all-powerful St Joseph's in their second game in the play-offs. One interesting game in the Ladies' Junior League is down for decision this afternoon when Mike Lee's McTearns meet the Squaws of Beautiful Joyce Guest.

A full programme of Inter-Hong and Midgets League matches is scheduled, with St. Vincent-Civil Service and Delawares-A.E.s matches taking the spotlight.

ALL OUT

Frank Cleary's Americans beat the Jaguars in the first round and there is every reason to believe that they will go all out to repeat their triumph.

But Chief Jaguar Ollie Vas is certain to send out his strongest gang into the diamond in view of the "life and death" struggle which the Americans are sure to put up.

The battery of Vic Pedruco and Frankie "Samba" Correa will be a menace to the Americans.

Although beaten by Charlie Figueiredo's Braves in the first round, the Saints' hopes run high once again.

Captain Dave "Bambino" Leonard will see to it that no "cockleheads" or "showman-ship" will be allowed to creep into the Saints' squad. The Saints are a real peppy outfit and should come out well on top.

The Braves' stock has gone right up since their show against the Saints and the Jaguars in the first round, and they are expected to beat the Saints in their return engagement. Whether or not the Braves will be up to the standard of which they are capable is always problematical, for their playing has been inconsistent.

ECHO AND RE-ECHO

Softball has certainly caught on again as witness the crowd of spectators every Sunday. Softball's 1949-50 season is the most controversial and, in several ways, the oddest that the game has ever known.

The number of entries received in the six organised leagues was well up to expectations. For the first time in the local history of the game there are the finishes and the championships have to be decided on the results of play-off battles in both the Men's Senior and Junior Leagues.

It is generally agreed that more people are taking to the game and the youngsters are developing to take the place of veterans who have been in the game long beyond their time.

John Macadam's Column

MUCH ADO ABOUT 16 LUSTY LADS

At a rough estimate, some 2,000,000 people in these British Isles and many thousands further afield detached themselves from their normal mid-Saturday chores in order to watch or to look-in at the Boat-race.

Would any kind observer of the human scene please tell us how a purely domestic argument between two schools of scholastic thought has built itself up into the greatest drawing-card in the sporting calendar?

Not a half of one percent of all the people professing tremendous interest in the affair has the remotest connection with either Oxford or Cambridge.

Apart from odd half-crowns betted at the last moment or on some sort of same-as-last-year basis, there is no betting.

If you join one of the numerous private parties for beer and sandwiches you see about three minutes of it.

If you go on the towpath you run the risk of either being trampled to death or shoved into the river.

If you get on a bridge you get abdominal strain and rupture of the Achilles tendon, to say nothing about rush-of-blood-to-the-head.

If you follow the affair in a launch you get disenchanted with spray, and cold and get only a guess at what's going on ahead.

WHAT HAS IT GOT?

If you listen to it on the radio or watch it on television you get bellowed at by the commentator, and, one way and another, what's the thing got that convulses the whole country year after year on account of what is essentially a village green rivalry?

Sixteen lusty lads carrying two small passengers pull themselves backwards around four and a half miles of the awkward part of the River Thames in something like 20 minutes when any of the rowing-crowd on the towpath could have told them they could do it with an outboard motor in half the time.

Any fisherman could have told them, too, that the proper way to propel a rowing boat is by standing up in the stern and pushing, not pulling. That way, you can see where you're

going and enjoy the scenery without the hazard of touching another rower's oars.

But there it is. Year after year they go through with their glorious display of strength, and when it is over, they go back to their colleges and resume their studies of the law, medicine, the Church, and the rest of it.

'IN MY DAY...'

And, in the appropriate stage of later life, they come out on the towpath or on somebody's riverside lawn, or on some clubhouse veranda wearing strange jackets and little caps normally forsaken by the British at the age of 14 and say things like "In my day..."

Never mind. It always is their day. They are an essential part of the English scene, the English tradition, and there is as much chance of changing that as there is of explaining it.

—London Express Service.

CHAMPION



This is Willie Hoppe, a champion who is looking for a worthy challenger. Willie is the World Three-Cushion Billiard Champion and he heard about Ezequiel Navarra, of Argentina, as a possible challenger. So he has gone to Argentina to investigate and play a match with Navarra. If the Argentinian wins, Hoppe will take him on in a title match.

New Parliament Should Play Better Cricket

In one respect—and perhaps there is more than one respect—the new Parliament is an improvement on the old. It should play better cricket.

The two Houses may be able to field one of the strongest sides for years. A fixture has been arranged for Saturday, June 3, when eleven members—Peers and Commons—meet Pirbright Cricket Club on Pirbright Common.

As a nucleus the Commons have two county players in Aidan M. Crawley and Hubert Ashton.

Crawley, 42 on Easter Monday, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, played for Oxford University and Kent.

Ashton, now 52, Conservative member for Chelmsford, turned out for Cambridge and Essex.

STRACHEY OUT FOR 3

Mr. Strachey, who was at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, is a cricketer, too. I recall that he played for the Lords and Commons last year against Westminster School. He made three, caught after ten minutes' batting.

Others who can be called on, if engagements allow, are Lord Dunslass and Lieut-colonel W. H. Bromley-Davenport.

EVEN WINNIE

Mr. Winston Churchill has done most things worth while—winning wars, painting pictures and building walls. But never till the other day had I heard of him as a cricketer.

Apparently he was no star performer at the game, for 32-year-old Harry Allen, a former member of Sandhurst College ground staff, has just said of him:

"He was not a great cricketer and I often had the privilege of taking his middle stump at the nets for a shilling."

Allen was recalling Mr. Churchill's days at Sandhurst. He now lives in retirement at Woking.

—BRUCE HARRIS

—(London Express Service).

Woodcock Is To Move Into The Royal Suite

What sort of a Saturday story can we concoct from a man called Salts, Queen Victoria's bath, a Rolls-Royce, an ancient castle with an unpronounceable name, a 7½ lb. baby, the Heavyweight Championship of the World, and the relief of Lady Smith?

IT might go something like this: Bruce Woodcock, due to fight America's Lee Savold at the White City on June 6, is almost certain to round off his training at Gwrych Castle at Abergele, North Wales.

Back to normal after the arrival of his 7½ lb. daughter, Woodcock is having his morning's Tom Hunt, travel to Abergele, to tie-up details with the sole owner of the castle, Mr. Leslie T. Salts.

If arrangements are satisfactory, Bruce and party will move into the Royal Suite—four rooms, including the bath used by Queen Victoria—during the first week in May.

Mr Salts, who bought Gwrych from Lord Dunderdun—descendant of one of the heroes of Lady Smith—is planning a zivie Woodcock welcome in the banquet hall. He is also putting up a ring and other training equipment in a machine room out in "backyard" big enough for 2,000 people to watch our heavy-weight champion go through his sparring paces.

The Royal Suite at Gwrych is going to be a bit different from the stable loft in which I used to watch Woodcock train at Dalby, near Doncaster, but the 1950 Bruce is a much more adaptable fellow than the shy young countryman, whose instinct was to shuffle away at the approach of strangers.

A lot more confident, too. Our No. 1 Heavyweight is tackling what he calls "the Savold job" in a frame of mind that bodes no good at all to the man from Minnesota.

Bruce, in fact, is looking far beyond Lee Savold—as far as the undisputed Heavyweight Championship of the World, plus the equally undisputed ownership of a Rolls-Royce. Fancy cars are Woodcock's one real weakness.

"WILL SHOW HIM"

"I know all about Savold. 'I'll show him' is the Woodcock philosophy expounded in the privacy of his own family circle. "Then, all being well, we'll see how Joey Maxim likes being on the other end of the kind of punches he dished out to Freddie Mills."

"Everybody talks about Savold, Max and Charles. Well, what am I doing, sitting in a room out in 'backyard'?" Let Tom Hunt get any or all of 'em in 'ring with me. 'I'll knock 'em out'!"

Just talk? Maybe—but it is refreshing coming from an English fighter, and there is a real and unquestioned menace behind it all.

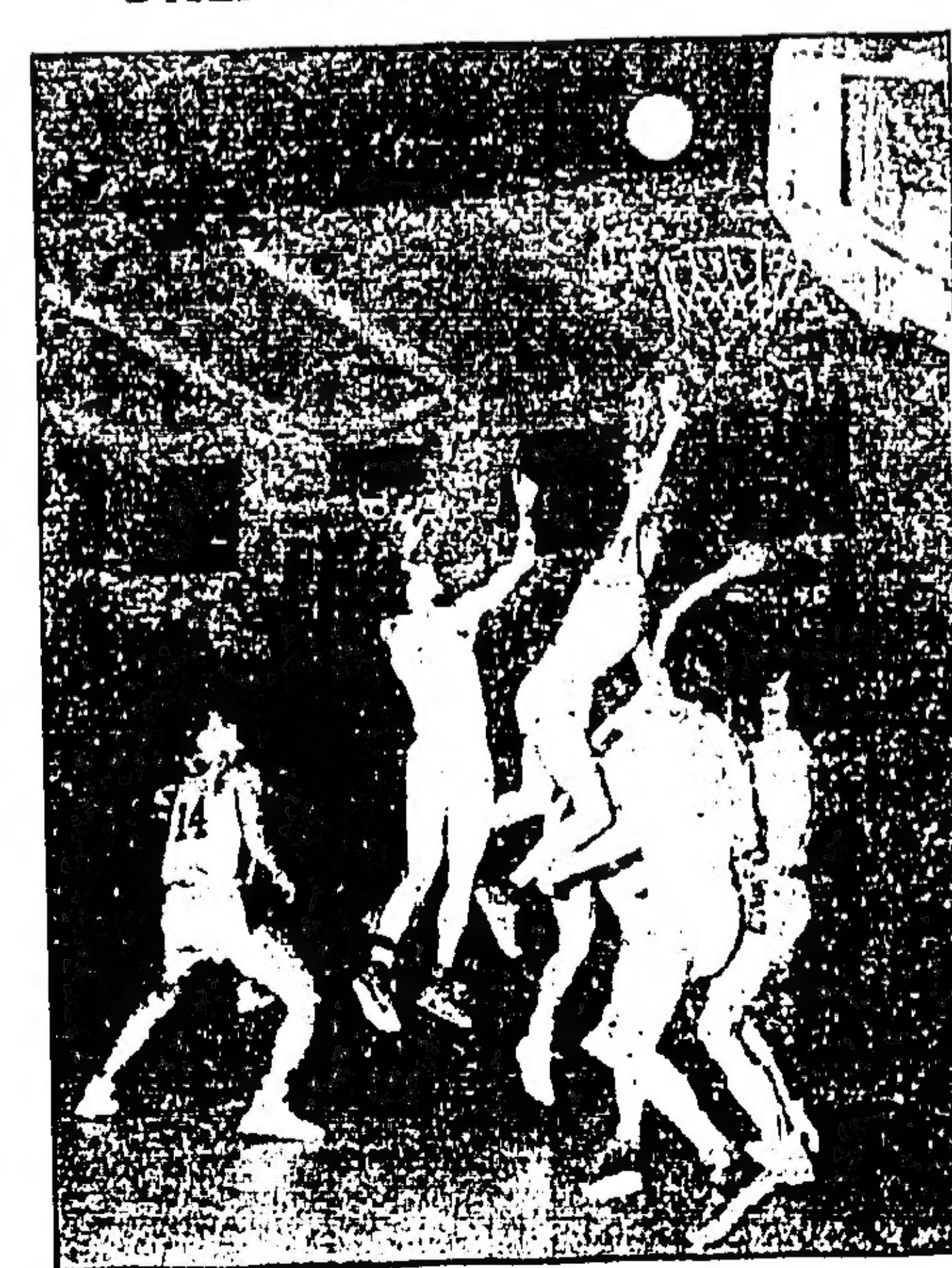
Woodcock declares he is ready to go. And, this time, there will be no spilling the ship for a hip-pocketed foe. If needed be, manager Hunt told me today, a couple of American sparring partners will be imported to share the galleries of Gwrych.

—London Express Service.

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



BREAKING THE TIE



Nee Chi-kuen, Shanghai Warriors' guard, breaks the 34-34 tie with Arellano University in the match at Caroline Hill. Picture shows Nee leaping up to catch the ball if it rebounds off the edge. His team-mate, Wu Ching-chang, backs him up. Warriors led 36-34 after this, but the game still ended in a tie at 37-37. —Telegraph Staff Photographer.

Who says British men are worst dressed?

THE YANK SAYS: Their collars gape and pants bag
THE BRITON SAYS: At least we're fashion conscious

A LITTLE war over the "well-dressed" Englishman, and whether he is the third worst-dressed man in the world, broke out in Fifth-avenue New York recently.

A fashion magazine began it by opening a campaign to dress American men in the style of an Old English Look.

It printed pictures of handsome men in bowlers, velvet-collared overcoats, and with tightly rolled umbrellas. Edwardian styles are back, the magazine decreed.

Columnist Robert Ruark, who has lived in England, promptly blew his buttons with pops that might have been heard in Savile Row.

Roared the anguished Ruark: "British men dress worse than any men alive, except Frenchmen and Spaniards. Collars gape, pants bag."

"The Englishman is less heedful of soup on his lapels or stew on his waistcoat than any national I have ever met."

"Only an Englishman would wear the same cuffs and collar three days running, until they seem to celebrate a separate mourning for unknown relatives."

"The bowler is merely a felt imitation of the pot which British barbers use to square off haircuts. All British hair seems to be cut with a knife and fork."

"I say boastfully that the American male is the cleanest, neatest, most tastefully dressed creature in the world."

Watch The Birdie!

BING CROSBY is trying to decide whether to give up his idea of playing in the British Amateur championship at St Andrews, because it may mean too much work.

He got out of hospital the other day after an appendicitis operation, and said:—

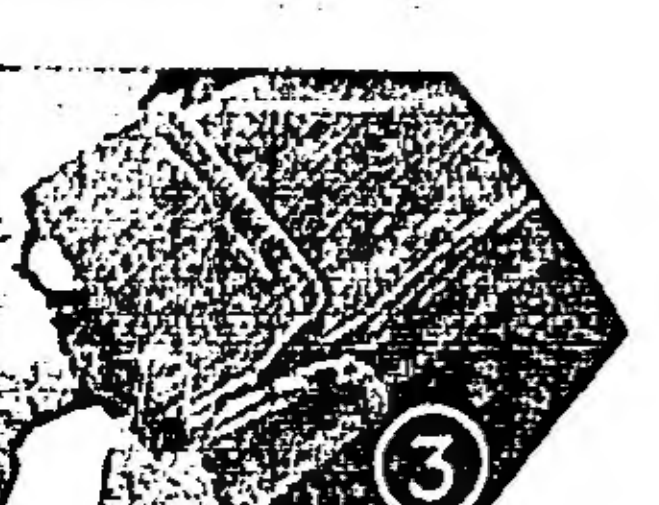
"I have had at least 35 cabled requests for charity benefits."



1—A waistcoat cut square instead of in long points. Note the two deep pockets in place of the normal two-up and two-down style.



2—Outside ticket pocket, with a flap matching the larger one just below it.



3—Sleeve with turned back cuffs. One advantage for this: the water will not need a ticket pocket. But the style is the current hall-mark of a tailored suit.

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NEWELL ROGERS' American column ONE MAN'S LETTERS—FIVE MILLION OF THEM

NEW YORK. THE pale April sunlight sifts down among the great elms and oaks of America's Hyde Park—F.D.R.'s former home, now a national shrine.

Under these trees the late President and Mrs. Roosevelt fed "hot dogs" smeared with mustard to the King and Queen in 1939.

In the library there is a glass case containing a royal "thank you" note.

Just beyond are four locked rooms. Recently they were unlocked to the public.

And in shelves around the rooms are 5,000,000 letters—almost every letter President Roosevelt ever wrote or received.

Roosevelt never threw away letters. In one corner are about 750,000 in red folders. They play under lock and key. For they hold information which might embarrass living people, or national secrets.

One non-secret message to Mr. Churchill was written on the back of an old envelope. Mr. Roosevelt threw it into the fireplace, but someone rescued

it. F.D.R. wrote: "Ever so many happy returns of the day. I shall never forget the party with Uncle Joe. We must have more birthday parties that are even better."

It was written during the Tehran Conference for Churchill's 50th birthday.

THE OLDEST was a note written by his father announcing Franklin's birth on January 30, 1882.

Another was written to "My dear King George" from the Casablanca Conference in 1943.

It said:—

"As for Mr. Churchill and myself, I need not tell you that we make a perfectly matched team in harness and out and, incidentally, we had lots of fun together as we always do."

A FIRST violinist has been sacked from Pittsburgh's symphony orchestra. The Musicians' Union took away his membership card on the ground that he is a Communist.

The New York School Board found a teacher guilty of falsely denying Communist membership. They sacked her.

And Washington says about 12,000 party comrades face criminal charges if the appeal courts uphold the convictions of 11 party leaders.

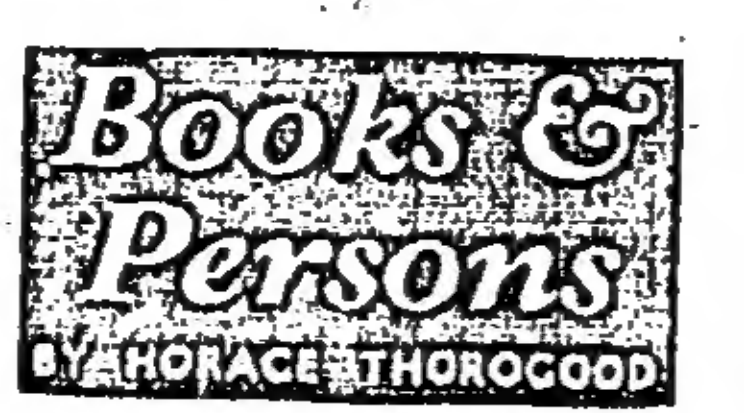
THE HERO HAS THE GIFT OF THE EVIL EYE

STRANGE how some names call up irrelevant memories. Thus Harold Acton—Oxford trousers. He introduced them when an undergraduate in the 1920s; which has nothing to do with his forthcoming book, "Prince Idiotus," with a hero who has the gift of the Evil Eye, except it shows Acton still thinks on uncommon lines.

He is an unusual, Walter Pater-ish, person. Called his autobiography a year, or two ago, *Memoirs of an Aesthete*. On leaving Oxford he hailed a world tour to settle for years in Peking, lived in Chinese style, ate Chinese food, learned the language, became Professor of English at Peking University.

Now, like his father, who owned a 15th century villa there, he lives in Florence.

• Another name with association obscuring a versatile talent—Edward Lear. "Non-sense verses" one thinks. But Lear was a brilliant artist (of birds); at 15 was already earning his living by selling his



limited drawings, at 16 was draughtsman at the Zoo, and wrote his *Book of Nonsense* to amuse Lord Derby's grandchildren during five years' employment by his noble patron at Knowsley.

On Parrots His first book was called *The Family of the Psittacidae*. "Psittacidae" means parrots, and as Edward Lear's Parrots Duck-pond publishes it with 12 reproductions of Lear's lithographs.

• Readers will be struck by the fact that violence and suffering obsess them. Says editor Derek (great-grandson of Conventry) Patmore, introducing Oxford Short Stories this week. "You cannot train young men as commandos or

teach them to bomb cities without it leaving some stain on their minds."

• Intriguing title of book due early next year is *The Aspidochelone*. It surveys those headache years between the two wars.

• Katharine West's good idea, a literary portrait gallery of celebrated governesses in 150 years of English fiction, appears this week. *Chapter of Governesses*. Novelists have given these poor but honest ladies a bad deal, but West finds her 70 examples fall into seven categories—the Down-trodden, Dragons, Adventuresses, Snobs, Villains, Grotesques and Valued Friends.

She is daughter of the late Walter Leaf, banker and classical scholar, wife of Douglas West, the publisher, and mother of Anthony, who, with Newell Rogers's son Dan, is joint editor of the Cambridge undergraduate magazine, *Panorama*.

• Then there is the portrait of Timothy, scrupulous, selfish, full of prejudices. The war is frightful—and so inconvenient. The fall of France—dreadful!

Although, in honesty, Timothy has to admit he never really liked France—its people were too ill-tempered; its art too clever.

—(London Express Service)



New Books by George Malcolm Thomson

A satirical comedy in slow time

THE BOAT. By L. P. Hartley. Putnam. 12s. 6d. 540 pages.

THIS witty, satirical comedy in slow time has a tragic allegory lurking in its corners. Skip the allegory. Here is the broad plan of Hartley's novel:

Timothy Casson, bachelor, aged 30 or so, is driven from his lovely villa in Italy by the threat of war and takes a house on the banks of a river in the English Midlands.

For Timothy the river is the main attraction. He does not like England much; he dislikes the war a great deal. But he is fond of rowing and he has bought a boat.

If Timothy thinks that he is going to while away the empty days of war in his skiff, how wrong he is! How grossly he has underestimated the obstructive tenacity of his neighbours, the local squire, determined that no boat shall disturb their fishing.

There is trouble in the village, with the vicar, with the evicuees, with Captain Sturrock's man, who considers he has a prescriptive right to keep dogs in Timothy's garage.

Timothy seeks refuge from it all in his correspondence. With Tyro, for instance, equally angry with the war and the human race:

"Did I hear you say 'human' without using the word in a pejorative sense? What are we fighting this war for?"

"Frit is a word invented by the Devil to discredit virtue; next being called a bore, it is this charge that the educated modern man fears the most. But I glory in both."

And with Magda, who has joined the Curzon Street Cell of the Communist Party and sabotages the war effort in the Ministry of Appearances, until the day Russia is invaded and—nothing else matters!

Magda's emotions then are so deep that she rings up the Dairier Hire and is carried off to a nursing home in Grosvenor Square, from which she writes to Timothy on paper headed "Death to the Fascist Dogs and Traitors."

Have you some time on your hands and a taste for the ripple of mannered comedy with now and then a splash of exuberance? The Boat might be your craft.

• L. P. HARTLEY, bachelor in his fifties, lives in Somerset. Was educated at Harrow. Chief interests are swimming, rowing, walking.

BYRON: A SELF-PORTRAIT. Letters and Diaries edited by Peter Quennell. Murray. 2 volumes. 2 guineas. 803 pages.

"CONFESS, confess—you dog and be candid—that it is the sublime of that sort of writing—it may be bawdy but it is not good English? It may be profligate but it is not life, is it not the thing?"

Thus Byron on his Don Juan. How well the description suits his letters, many of them here



AUTHOR P. H. NEWBY (see below)

published for the first time—and handsomely!

Life? At its most outrageous profligate? Beyond a doubt.

And bawdy? The editor has drawn up ranks of priggish little stars between us and the worst (some of it not beyond mortal powers of divination). But are those who pay two guineas for a serious work likely to be offended by the occasional coarseness of a man of genius?

Stars or no stars, here is the thing. Some of the finest letters in the language. Byron throws himself sprawling on the paper and at the mind—or the throat—of his correspondent. The grammar is highbrowed, the syntax that of a man of fashion, and the spelling that of a schoolboy.

The whole impresses one of ease, haste and high spirits. A book among books!

LIBRARY LIST

The Young May Moon. By P. H. Newby. Cape. 6s. 6d. 288 pages. An excellent short novel with a simple theme delicately handled: the attraction between Alice, a widow, and her young son Philip. Real distinction in story-telling.

King of the Bastards. By Sarah Gertrude Miller. Heinemann. 12s. 6d. 351 pp. A soundly written and gripping novel based on a historical figure. A century ago Conrad Buys, of Huguenot origin, went to live among the native people in the Transvaal and became the leader of a community of half-breeds.

Roosevelt and the Russians: The Yalta Conference. By Edward R. Stettin. Jos. Cape. 320 pages. A narrative of wartime diplomacy with topical relevance. Enlivened by sprinklings of Churchillian wit, e.g. Churchill's playful name for the Great American Illusion—"the given almost tragic favour by the omnipotence of Alger Hiss."

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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

It Never Fails

By KEMP STARRETT





PUZZLES



STORIES



HOBBIES

The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



CRAFTS



GAMES



JOKES

A FIGHT IN THE DARK IN THIS WEEK'S INSTALLMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S SERIAL, FIVE FALL INTO ADVENTURE

Dick makes a capture

NEW READERS START HERE

Julian, Dick and Anne are staying with their cousin George (George for short) and his sister, Timmy. George's father has been a big success, and has a valuable note taken. George and Timmy have been kidnapped, and the thieves have sent a note by Dick to George's father, saying that another note of value must be hidden in the garden, and they will collect it. Dick is going to hide near by, hoping that he will see who collects the parcel, and he then means to follow them.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

DICK stood and listened, holding his breath. He could hear no sound except for the rustling of the trees around, and the sudden squeak of a field-mouse. It was a dark night and cloudy. Was there anyone hidden near by, or could he find a hiding-place in safety and wait?

He thought for a few minutes, and decided that there wouldn't be anyone watching the back of the house now that it was dark. Julian and the others would be in full view of any watcher at the front, seated as they were in the lighted sitting-room—there would be no need for anyone to watch the back.

He debated where to hide and then made a quick decision. "I'll climb a tree," he thought. "What about that one just near the crazy paving path? If the clouds clear away I could perhaps catch a glimpse of what the man's like who comes to collect the parcel. Then I'll shin quietly down the tree and stalk him."

He climbed up into an oak tree that spread its broad branches over the path. He wriggled down in a comfortable fork and set himself to wait patiently.

Just as the clock began to chime the hour at eleven, the kitchen door opened and Dick saw Julian outlined in the opening. He had the parcel under his arm.

He saw Julian go swiftly down the path and sensed him looking all about. He dared not give the slightest hint to him that he was just above his head!

HE heard Julian scramble about in the path, and then drop the big stone back into its place. He watched the light of Julian's torch bobbing back up the path to the kitchen door. Then the door shut with a bang.

Five minutes went by and nobody came. Then he heard the lightest sound. Was that somebody crawling through the hedge? Dick strained his eyes but could only make out a deeper shadow that seemed to be moving. Then he could most distinctly hear somebody breathing hard as they tugged at the heavy stone! The parcel was being collected as arranged!

Dick dropped quietly down. He had rubber shoes on and made no noise. He slipped through a big gap in the hedge near by and stood straining his eyes to find the man he wanted to follow. Ah—there was a shadow moving steadily down the field-path to the stile, Dick followed, keeping close to the hedge.

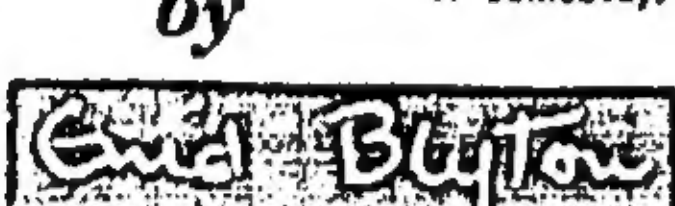
He kept well behind the moving shadow till it reached the stile, got over it and went into the lane beyond.

The shadow went on again. It obviously did not suspect that it might be followed and, although it moved quietly, it did not attempt to keep under cover. Down the lane it went and into a field.

Dick was about to follow when he heard the sound of voices. They were very low, and he couldn't hear a word. He crouched in the shadow of the gate, which was swung right back, leaving an entry into the field.



Julian flashed his torch and saw Dick rolling on top of somebody.



by G. B. Blythe

A loud noise made him jump. Then a brilliant light dazzled him and he felt that he could duck down behind the gate. There was a car in the field. A car that had just started up its engine and switched on its lights. It was going, moving slowly down to the gate!

The car was soon out in the lane. It pained speed and then Dick heard it roaring off in the distance. He couldn't stalk a car, that was certain! He held his breath, listening for some movement of the other man who he felt certain, was still there.

He heard a sniff and crouched lower still. Then a shadow passed quickly through the gate, turned back in the direction of Kiffin Cottage and was lost in the darkness of the lane.

In a trice Dick was after it again. At least he could track down this fellow! He must be going somewhere!

Down the lane to the stile. Over the stile and into the field. Across the field and back at the hedge that grew at the bottom of Kiffin Cottage.

"Going to get into the house again and ransack it, I suppose!" thought Dick, in a rage. He considered the shadowy figure by the window. It didn't look big. It must be a small man—one that Dick could tackle and bring to the ground. He could yell loudly for Julian and maybe he could hold the fellow down till Julian came.

"And then perhaps we could do a little kidnapping, and a little bargaining, too," thought Dick grimly. "If they hold George as a hostage, we'll hold one of them, too! 'Til for fat!"

He waited till the shadow left the window and then he pounced. His victim went down at once with a yell.

Dick was surprised how small he was—but how he fought! He bit and scratched and heaved and kicked, and the two of them rolled over and over and over breaking down Michaelmas daisies in the beds, and scratching legs and arms and faces on rose bushes. Dick yelled for Julian all the time.

"JULIAN! JULIAN! Help!"

Julian heard. He tore out at once. "Dick, Dick, where are you? What is it?"

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HE flashed his torch towards the shouting and saw Dick rolling on top of somebody. He ran to help at once, throwing his torch on the grass so that both hands were free.

It wasn't long before they had the struggling figure firmly in their grasp and dragged it, wallowing to the back door. Dick remarked that wailing voice! Good gracious—no. It couldn't be—it couldn't be! But it was!

"Put her upstairs," said Julian. "Get her to bed. She's in an awful state now. So am I if I wouldn't have lammed her like that if I'd known it was only Jo."

"I never guessed," said Dick, wiping his filthy face with his handkerchief. "My word, what a wild-cat! See how she's bitten me!"

"I didn't know it was you, Dick, I didn't know," wailed Jo. "You pounced on me and I fought back. I wouldn't have bitten you like that."

"You're a savage, deceitful, double-dealing little wild-cat," said Dick, looking at his bites and scratches. "Pretending you knew nothing about the man who gave you that note—and all the time you're in with that crooked lot of thieves and kidnapers, whoever they are."

"I'm not in with them," wept Jo.

"Don't tell lies," shouted Dick, in a fury. "I was up in a tree when you came and took that parcel from under the stone—yes, and I followed you right to that car—and followed you back again! You came back here to steal again, I suppose?"

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JO gulped. "No, I didn't."

"You said you'd be handed over to the police tomorrow," said Dick, still furious.

"I didn't come back to steal, I came back for something else."

Insisted Jo, her eyes peering through her tangled hair like a frightened animal's.

"Not so you say! And what did you come back for? To find another dog to dope? Jeered Dick.

"No," said Jo, miserably. "I came back to tell you I'd take you to where George was, if you wouldn't tell on me. My Dad would half kill me if he thought I'd split on him. I know I took the parcel—I had to. I didn't know what it was or anything. I took it to the place I was told to. Jake told me. And then I came back to tell you all I could. And you set on me like that."

Four pairs of eyes bored into Jo, and she covered her face. Dick took her hands away and made her look at him.

"Look here," he said, "this matters a lot to us, whether you are speaking the truth or not. Do you know where George is?"

Jo nodded.

"And will you take us there?" said Julian, his voice stern and cold.

Jo nodded again. "Yes, I will. You've been mean to me, but I'll show you I'm not as bad as you make out. I'll take you to George."

NEXT WEEK: Jo Begins to Talk.

—(London Express Service)

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Exclusive!

WHEN you and your best friend feel like being 'exclusive,' start a 'What Is It?' conversation. It might go something like this:

"They certainly keep a person from being lonely."

"That's sure, yet I never enjoy one unless I'm all by myself."

"At exam time I always wish they'd never been invented."

"Yes, isn't it funny? Yet I always take some with me when I go on vacation."

You'll enjoy watching the faces of others who are present grow more and more mystified as they try to figure out what you're talking about. The fun will continue as long as you remember to keep from mentioning the subject of your discussion. Which in this case happens to be books!

The Inventor and the Water-Bucket

By DAN MURDOCH

A TALL, lanky man walked along a London Street in the year 1790, muttering to himself. People stared at him.

"That's William Wouldhave," someone remarked. "Odd as his name, he is! A crazy inventor."

He never held a job very long, though he'd tried everything from painting houses to teaching music. He was always inventing—an electrical machine, a clock, an organ. But nobody ever wanted to put money into his new-fangled schemes. A cheerful chap, though, always kind and friendly.

On this particular day, an old woman at a street-pump was struggling to lift her heavy water bucket. Wouldhave's big hands raised it smoothly from the ground. Then he stopped short, tipped it one way, then another, then kicked it. He eyed a float in the bucket.

"This wooden float keeps the water from spilling!" he cried. "Where'd you get it?"

The old woman stammered, "It's just an old round wooden bowl, sir. One that broke in two."

"Half a round wooden bowl," he repeated softly. "One quarter of a sphere."

He abruptly kissed the old woman smackingly on the cheek, and strode away. She shrugged, tapped her head significantly, and with a sigh carried home her water bucket.

Wouldhave, when he reached his own home, filled a large tub with water. He cut a bowl in half, pushed one piece down to the bottom, and it popped right to the surface. He turned the float upside down, and it promptly turned right side up again. Furiouly he churned the water with his hands. The float bobbed, twisted, banged the tub sides—but it stayed upright.

"Eureka!" shouted Wouldhave. "I've found it!" And rushing out of the house, he began jumping and clapping hands and uttering explanations to everyone he met. "A boat that'll swim in any sea! It can't sink, can't overturn! A lifeboat for shipwrecks!"

A few days later, Wouldhave sent plans for his new lifeboat to the government.

A YEAR earlier, a storm had wrecked a ship only 300 yards from land. The crew jumped into the water to try to swim ashore. People stood along the beach, watching. Before their eyes, the sailors drowned, one by one.

This tragedy aroused the English people. The government offered prizes for the best plans for a strong, safe lifeboat.

But the Prize Committee laughed at Wouldhave's idea. They couldn't believe a boat's SHAPES could keep it from sinking or turning over. He couldn't persuade them to make a working model from his plans. He died the way he'd lived, poor and unknown. Sixty years later, in 1850, his "self-righting" principle was first tried out. And it worked!

TODAY'S lifeboats and rafts would save hundreds of lives. William Wouldhave, twice as large as his, they hold up to 300 people. They have 50 different pieces of equipment—tools, signals, blankets, medicines, food, fishing kits, even a Bible. "Guns" can throw life lines to ships many yards away, for people to hold on to and clamber to safety. Swimmers can hold on to grab-rails and ropes all along the gunwales.

Once, when a lifeboat capsized, the crew clung to the grab-rail all night. Then, in daylight, they stood on one grab-rail, pulled on the other, and so righted the boat. Then they went on to save 22 other people swimming in the water!

A modern lifeboat can be launched and driven even in a storm. It has sails and oars, besides a motor that keeps running even with the boat full of water. "Sea anchors"—heavy containers dragging behind the boat—spread oil to calm angry seas, and keep the boat from drifting too fast in a gale. Automatic valves drain water off the deck.

Many lifeboats today, especially in England, still use Wouldhave's quarter-bowl principle. A never idea is to have many different water-tight compartments.

IF you happen to travel through Clintonville, Conn., U.S.A., you are bound to pass the old brick Clintonville post office, on the third floor of which is a museum started by a boy when he was only 13 years old and already housing more than 8,000 items!

The young curator, Donald S. Smith, now 23, started his collection by bringing home a robin's nest that he placed carefully in his father's barn. After a while, neighbours, admiring the earnest collecting spirit of the boy, offered him old photographs, toys, kitchen utensils, farm implements and all sorts of objects of interest.

The boy's collection grew until it was too valuable to leave to his father's barn so he transferred it to the attic of his home. And just when the Smith home was bursting at the seams, trying to be a residence and museum at the same time, Grandpa William Smith came to the rescue and offered third floor space in the building used as the Clintonville post office, an offer which the young curator quickly accepted.

SCHOOL MUSEUM

At 18, Donald Smith left his collection to serve his country at war. But while in the Navy at Okinawa and Saipan, he found new curios to gather. Now back home again Donald Smith is studying American culture at Wesleyan and he hopes to make museum work his profession.

Collecting the old and the interesting is a worthwhile hobby whether it leads to museum work or not. It can be a means of money-making. A Sunday school class collected articles that were parts of church history. The articles were housed in a glass cabinet, each piece tabulated, the donor's name printed and a sealed box affixed for free will offerings.

A class in grade school, trying to learn appreciation of free education, privileges, began a school museum, one boy carving a miniature log house of the first one-room school in the district. An old slate, carefully preserved for over a century, was brought in by another pupil.

Knarf and Hand thought that as long as Willy was still in one piece it really didn't matter how torn to pieces his coat was.

"Sound-language," said Willy. "How was I to know what a whistle meant? And there were other sounds in town, Willy went on. 'Sounds of horns; and sounds of bells of street-cars; and crashing sounds when cans of ashes were dumped into trucks and dropped back on the sidewalk; and sounds of sirens when fire engines and ambulances were coming. You had to know what all of them meant. I didn't know what they meant when I went to town. But now I do. Fortunately nothing hit me. But," he said sadly, "My beautiful new coat is all in rags!"

Knarf and Hand thought that as long as Willy was still in one piece it really didn't matter how torn to pieces his coat was.

Willy had a terrible time. He found "Sound Language" Very Confusing—

By MAX TRELL

Willy Toad was all dressed for town.

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WE OWE MUCH OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE MODERN LIFEBOAT TO WILLIAM WOULDHAVE, WHO FIRST CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF A LIFEBOAT THAT WOULDN'T SINK, FROM A FLOAT HE SAW IN AN OLD WOMAN'S WATER-BUCKET

MANY LIFEBOATS STILL USE WOULDHAVE'S QUARTER-BOWL IDEA

Passenger ships and the United States Coast Guard both have special lifeboat crews. These men have special training, take a stiff examination, and have regular drills.

The lifeboat has come a long way since William Wouldhave. But we owe some of its efficiency to the man who saw a float in an old woman's bucket. He was kind enough to want to help her, and clever enough to make use of what he saw.

and come out with the one strip of paper which bears your own name—not once, mind you, but every time.

The secret is painfully simple. The piece of paper on which your own name is written, being the centre piece, has two rough edges. The other pieces have one smooth edge. It takes only a very few seconds to run your finger along the edges of the paper strips to determine which is the one you have promised to fish out.

DO-IT By Dale Goss

Things to Make With Materials at Hand

BEAR-E OF MONEY BANK

1. Find a small GLASS JAR about 3 1/2 in. high and 2 in. across.

2. Cover top of jar with circle of PAPER. Fasten with a RUBBER BAND.

3. Cut a pattern for bear from folded paper.

4. Put pattern on brown CONSTRUCTION PAPER and cut out.

5. Draw on face with BLACK CRAYON.

6. Paste bear around jar with HOUSEHOLD CEMENT.

FILL with COINS and HAVE A BEAR-E OF MONEY!

Rupert and the Dragon Pills—4

Chimp yesterday and had a party last night, but one wouldn't work so I brought it back and told him about it and, look, he's given me another one. You certainly told him," murmurs Rupert. Pong-Ping laughs. "Come and help me fire this rocket," he says, and they set off.

411 NIGHTS WEDNESDAY

ZOO'S WHO

MASTODONS MAY HAVE BEEN AS NUMEROUS IN NEW YORK STATE AT ONE TIME AS BEER ARE NOW.

NICE AND QUIET HERE!

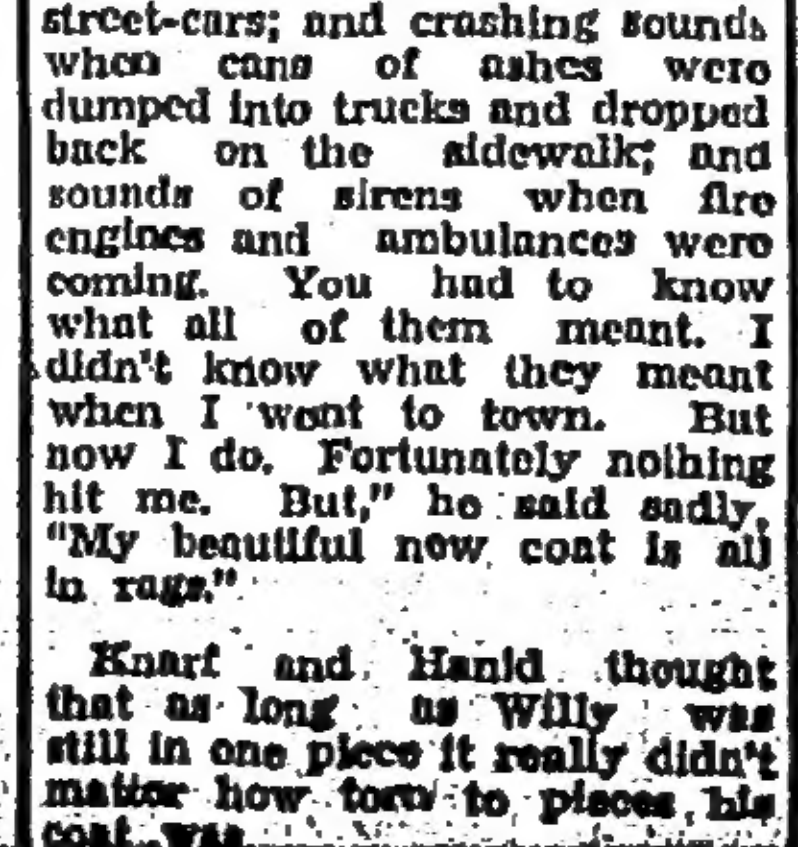
SEABIRDS AND SEALS ARE THE ONLY CREATURES NATIVE TO THE CAMPBELL ISLANDS, 290 MILES SOUTH OF NEW ZEALAND.

THROUGH THE WILD SOME-TIMES REACH THE AGE OF 35 YEARS IN CAPTIVITY. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIVE TO 20 YEARS.

BRONCHO BILL

Dash for Freedom

By Harry F. O'Neill



SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

McKENNEY
ON BRIDGELead the Bottom Of
3-Card Suits

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I RECEIVED today's lesson on the play from Mrs. Augusta Cantor of New York. In her letter she said she had recently changed her style on opening leads of three-card suits. She used to lead the six spot, if she had three small, say the 6-5-2. Then she would play the five and her partner would have to guess whether she held the deuce. But now she leads the low card if she is leading a three-card suit, even though she does not hold an honour.

This is the way Mrs. Cantor gave the play of the hand. Sitting West, she opened the six of diamonds, dummy played low and her partner won the trick with the ten-spot. Her partner then cashed the king of diamonds.

When Mrs. Cantor played the five-spot, her partner definitely knew that she was out of diamonds. South had been careful

♠ A Q 8 4	♠ 10 3
♥ K 10 8	♥ 6 4 2
♦ Q 9 4 3	♦ 10
♣ Q 3	♣ 6 3 2
♠ J 10 5 2	♠ 10 3
♥ A 10 8	♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 10 0	♦ 10
♣ 7	♣ 6 3 2
♠ A 10 3	♠ 10 3
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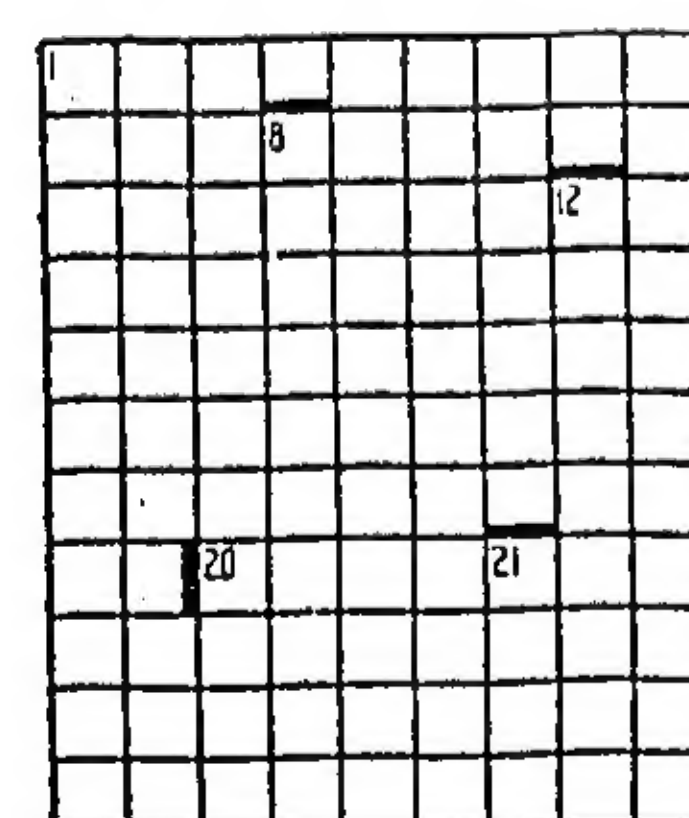
to play the seven and then the eight of diamonds, concealing the deuce. East safely cashed the high diamond and led the fourth diamond.

Declarer ruffed high, shutting out Mrs. Cantor's ten-spot. There was no way now that declarer could play the hand to keep from losing a club trick.

Mrs. Cantor said the hand provides the following lesson: No. 1—Lead the top of a two-card suit, but lead the bottom of a three-card or longer suit. No. 2—If in doubt about a lead open your short suit when you are short in trump, but lead a long suit when long in trump.

Mrs. Cantor further stated that many players might make the normal lead of the ten of clubs in this hand, but if so, the hand could not be defeated. She followed lesson number two; being short in trump she led the short suit.

SKELETON CROSSWORD



1. It marks the close of play.
2. Malay design for a boat.
3. Auro, if subtle.
4. The fabulous stories of Georgia in the Special Air Service.
5. No this is very much.

17. Is Benny the master of the "house"?
18. "Three-hits of a quire."
19. It's a dead end the dodo.
20. Nerve drops.
21. Portenque on a hill.
22. Incense to take care of.
23. She'll return immediately.
24. Try to entice finally.
25. CLUES DOWN
1. Does it call for some forethought to do this?
2. A sup. maybe of deadly poison.
3. On the stage she might give a free ending.
4. Are they made by the chap who follows the butcher and a chaper?
5. Very much in love with
6. One kind of grouse.
7. With one change this dog could be a grouse.
8. It flows into the South Atlantic.
9. An imaginary plaintiff—female.
10. —her mother, perhaps.
11. It's a blow.
12. At one time long in the cricket field.

(Solution on this page)

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You ought to feel flattered that my Aunt Gladys and the children are coming—she and I never could get along, so I know she isn't crazy to see me!"

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

CHEER up, my hearties! There is good news for all those who have been going about with long faces

because of the shortage of atomic bombs.

It is now reported that self-reproducing furnaces will soon be generating atomic energy and breeding ever-increasing stockpiles. I forbear to describe in detail this process, because it is so like the dreams of Dr. Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht. Within ten years we ought to have a world crammed with atomic energy, and I will bet six cabmen's hats to a Nicaraguan-pomegranate that we shall be told that it is all needed to "increase the leisure of the workers."

Venus in the Ascendant (IV)

THE dwarf led Egham across the courtyard of a comical detached residence, which the Colonel recognised instantly, with a pang, as the summer abode of Ding-Poos. He followed his guide through richly furnished antechambers, until a bearded chamberlain in a yellow overall flung open double doors of gold and announced: "The merchant Shrah-Hul." And there she was, changeless and mysterious as the dark lake of Hansi. She was reclining on a gilded divan with a silver lion's head at each corner. A leopard-skin, dyed scarlet, was flung carelessly across her alabaster shoulders. Her bottom sticks of green amaranth encased her nether limbs. In one hand she held an ebony holder, a foot long, which contained a Mongolian cheroot, rosetipped. The other hand played with a satinwood fan, inlaid with purple scarabs. A supercilious smile hovered about her lips. Her eyes seemed to mock the embarrassed "merchant" as he slowly approached this shining vision.

Pride of Norwich

THAT mouse, Pride of Norwich, to which I referred the other day, is reported to have sung "Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill" to a pianoforte accompaniment. One who was present says, rather naively, "Of course, it did not sing the words, and the tune was only a series of squeaks—though not harsh ones—but it evidently tried to follow the accompaniment." Long for the day when this mouse, mounted on a great white horse, undertakes the part of Boris Godunov. I shall be there with a bouquet of cheese.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

If you are born today, you have tremendous energies which need to be properly directed in earliest youth if they are to be used effectively throughout your lifetime. You are one of those individuals with charm and personal magnetism as well as talent. But it is so easy for you to "get along" that it will take some all-consuming desire or ambition before you will call upon all your talents. Only then will you become outstanding in your life career. Mediocrity is yours merely for living! For fame and success you must work.

An excellent judge of human nature, you take sudden likes and dislikes to people. You usually are right in your first estimate, although the proof may not be forthcoming for a long,

long time! Be tactful and diplomatic in this matter or you will lose friends by your blunt, outspoken frankness.

Your emotions are strong and you feel things deeply. You are happiest when surrounded by congenial people. If you find yourself caught in some unpleasant routine job, get out of it at once. For only work among those you enjoy affords satisfaction. This is also true of your personal life and an early marriage to that "one person" can bring you the ambition necessary for your success.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Rely on brain power rather than impulse to solve today's problems and all will go well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Tact will tide you over some domestic unpleasantness if you are wise this morning. Afternoon is better.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Confusion may involve your best interests unless you are very cautious now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A complicated day. Take things calmly and you will win out over apparent complications.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid being jealous of others, for it is beneath you. Envy now could become your worst enemy.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Take the lead in something important and you will find the results satisfying and exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Early morning tendencies are upsetting, but they should become smoothed out by your patience as the day progresses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Complications can be unravelled if you are tactful and patient. Study all plans carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A journey to visit relatives could prove advantageous. Real estate matters are pending, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Early ups and downs are indicative of the entire day; so be patient and all works out favourably for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you think things out clearly and concisely this morning, all problems will disappear quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Don't swim against the tide this morning. Be conciliatory to suggestions for the best results.

If you are born today, there is considerable genius in you, but needs careful cultivation if you are to reap the best results. Parents of children born on this day should see to it that their children have careful direction. Find out what that "one specific" talent is and then develop it. The rewards in later life will be great.

You who have grown to adulthood without proper guidance, still can make use of your creative power if, as soon as you discover it, you make the most of it. You have persistency and courage. Just make sure that this is guided in the right direction. You have considerable originality of idea and once you have put your ideas into action, you will find that

the gratification from an initial success will goad you on to further achievements.

You have the habit of making influential friends and these will be able to help you at some important phase of your development. Don't lean on them, but call upon them if you find all your own initiative has failed to open some door you know should swing wide for you! You will be able to reciprocate when you have reached the fame and success which ultimately should be yours.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—The new moon brings new opportunities. Exert yourself to the utmost and you now may gain your objective.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—The next five days are excellent for beginning a long journey or consummating new plans. Be constructive.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Take the leadership in some new plan or idea. You can push it through successfully at this time.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Relax today and get prepared for added activities tomorrow. In other words, get on your mark and set!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You can assume the leadership in some new enterprise in the month ahead. Make plans carefully now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—One goal accomplished, you can set your aims toward another new one with prospects for real success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—If you are co-operative and constructive in all your activities, you can anticipate success now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A better job and improved health should indicate a steady advance in your major life interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Meticulous attention to detail work and careful planning will bring excellent results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The next four weeks show an increase in your influence. You should advance along desired lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new enterprise should get off to a fine start for you. Make careful plans and put them into production.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Establish yourself in some new line of endeavour and your prestige and importance will increase.

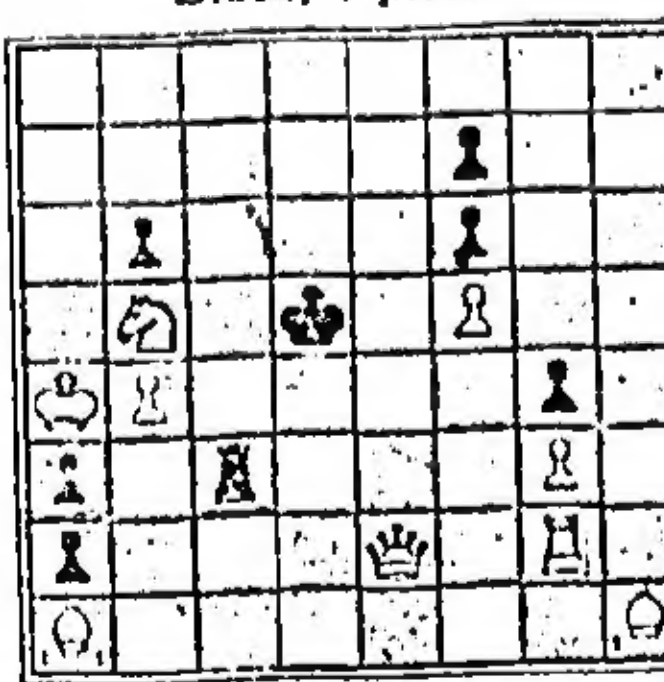
CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.
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CHESS PROBLEM

By K. TRAXLER
Black, 8 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, B-Q7. 1... RxB; 2, B-R6; 1... B-B1; 2, Kt-K4; 1... P-B5; 2, Q-KR1 (ch). 1... others; 2, P-Kt4 (ch).

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is hardly necessary to analyze all possible ways of totaling 30 cents with the stamps of the three values specified. Their average value is 6 cents, so we shall be well advised to consider selections of from 15 to 10 stamps.
It will be found that 14 stamps can be used in three ways:
(a) 10 4-cent 4 7-cent 6-cent
(b) 10 4-cent 3 7-cent 7-cent
(c) 10 4-cent 2 7-cent 8-cent
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(a) 10 4-cent 5 7-cent
(b) 10 4-cent 4 7-cent 1 8-cent
(c) 10 4-cent 3 7-cent 2 8-cent
No number of stamps lower than 14, or higher than 15, can be used in more than two ways.
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On her envelope Mrs. Tinker had stuck eight 4-cent two 7-cent and four 8-cent stamps.

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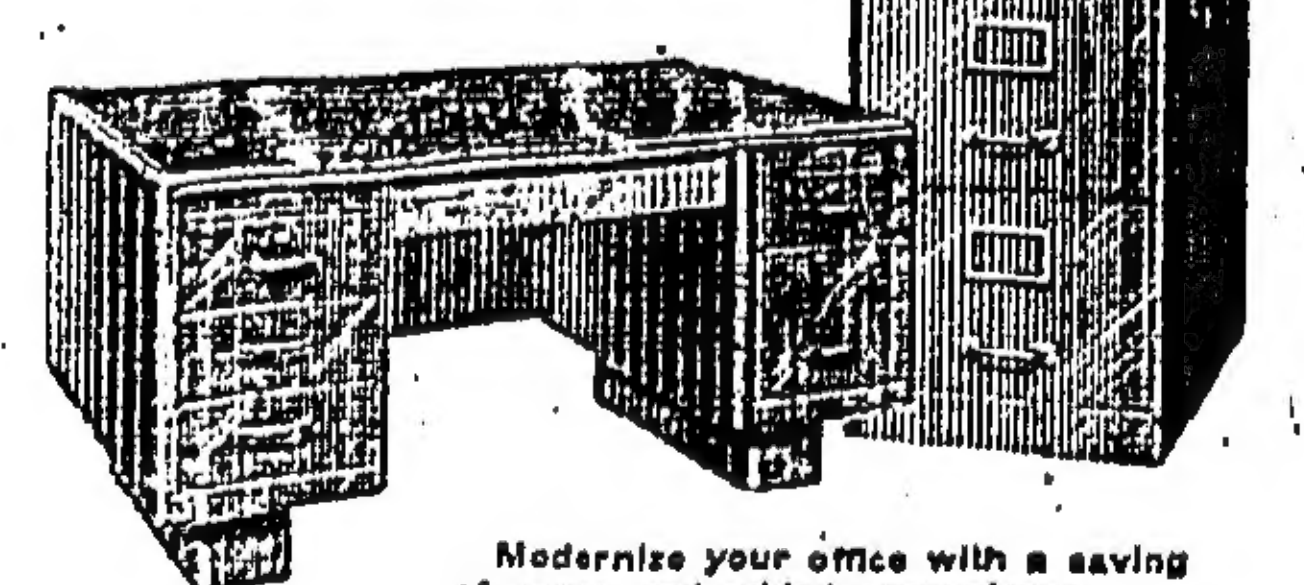
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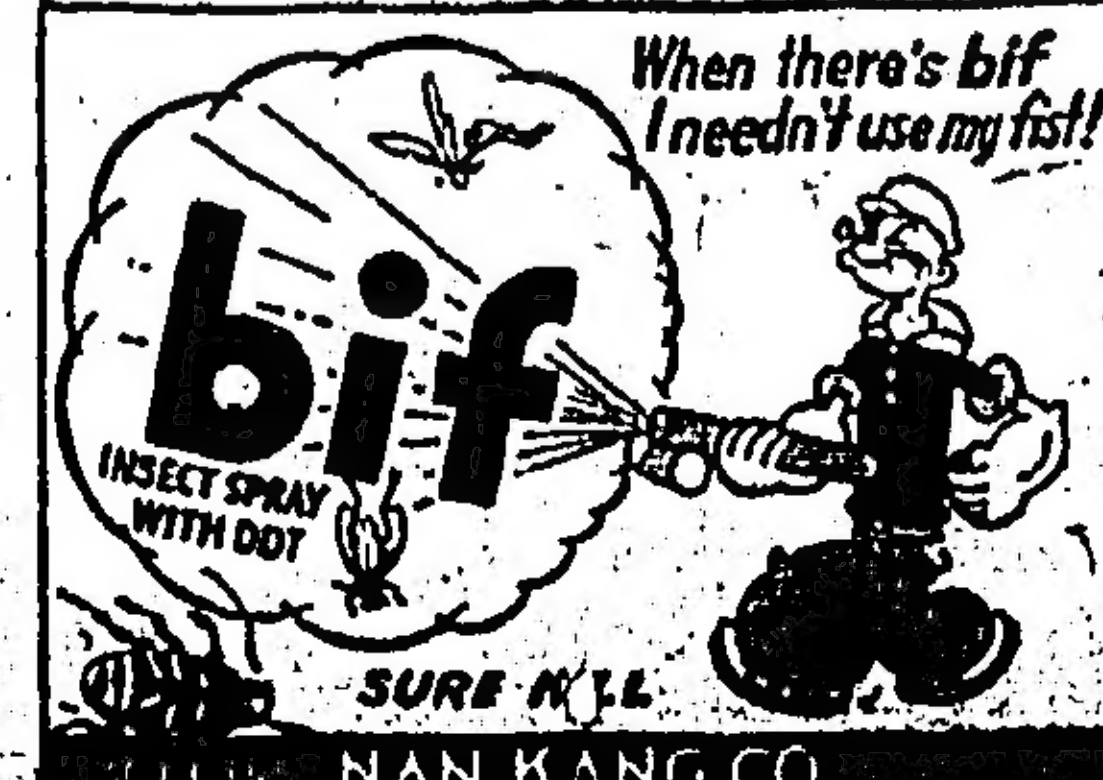
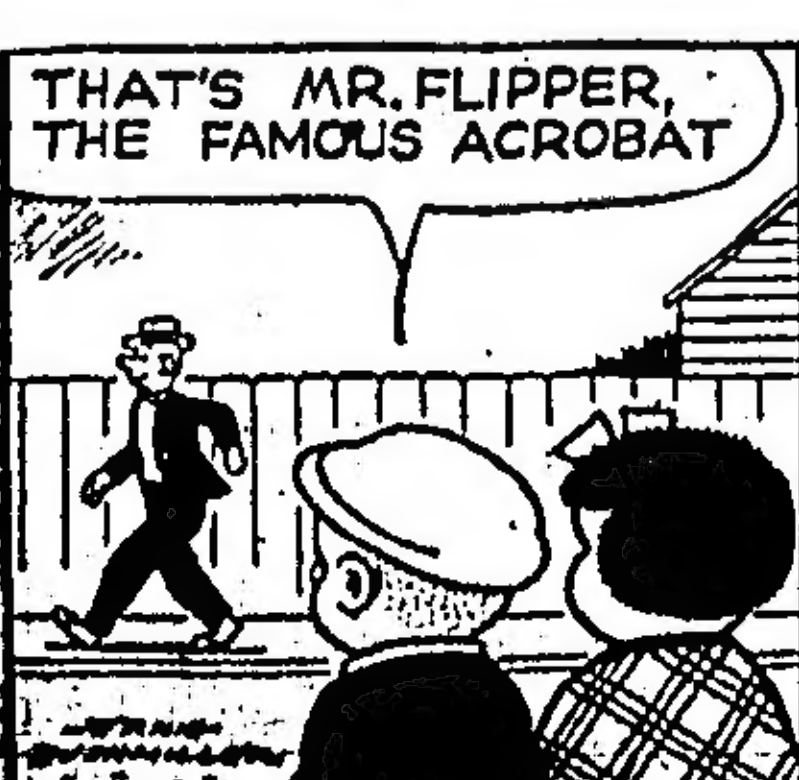
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By Ernie Bushmiller



INTERNATIONAL SOCCER: SCOTLAND TRIES TO LAY HAMPDEN BOGEY

Glasgow, Apr. 14.—The prospect of a trip to Rio to contest the World Soccer Cup finals gives Scotland added incentive to beat England in the International match at Hampden Park here tomorrow.

Scottish officials have stated that they will enter the World Cup only if they win or draw, but victory would also enable them to retain the International Championships and, at the same time, lay the "Hampden bogey."

Pakistan Batsmen Cautious

Karachi, Apr. 14.—Pakistan, continuing their first innings here today when the second day's play in the Test with Ceylon opened, scored 220 for six when the stumps were drawn. Ceylon were dismissed yesterday for 162.

Ceylon were kept in the field the whole day by the Pakistan batsmen who, playing the accurate attack with the utmost caution, collected a labourious 220 runs for the loss of six wickets.

Pakistan now has a first innings lead of 58, with four wickets outstanding. While the Ceylon fielding left little to be desired, Navaratne behind the stumps was particularly active and gave a fine display. His smart stumpwork was responsible for the dismissal of Anwar Hussain (66) and Maqsood (51), who appeared well set for a big total.

Deoysa was the most successful bowler, claiming three wickets for 49 runs. After lunch play continued on a dull note with batsmen overcautious against an attack which, although accurate, lacked variety. Anwar Hussain was the first to fall when he was smartly stumped by Navaratne shortly after collecting his 50.

The Pakistan skipper, Mohammed Saad, did not last long and after having two "lives" gave Deoysa a return catch. Dinsmore was out due to a misunderstanding with Maqsood. Trying to steal a single he was caught halfway by Dalpathada, who whisked off the ball.

Maqsood went trying a big hit off Goonesinghe, Navaratne turning him. Angur Ali and Wazir were together at the close with 28 and 18 respectively.—Reuter.

WEEK-END SPORT

TODAY

Athletics—Army finals at Soekunpo, 2.15 p.m.
Cricket—Hancock Shield Match: Kowloon Cricket Club v Hongkong Cricket Club at Cox's Path, 1.45 p.m. (First Day)

Football—Korea v Hongkong at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
Second Division League: Army v CAA at Happy Valley (Army ground), 2.30 p.m.
Solicitors v Navy at Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls—Opening Day at Craignower Cricket Club.
Softball—Inter-Hong League: Shell v Mercantile Bank at CBA ground, King's Park, 4 p.m.

Ladies' Junior League: Mercantile v Squaws at CBA, 2.30 p.m.
Midlets League: Mohawks v Blackhaws, 2.30 p.m.; Dodgers v Falcons, 4 p.m., at Recreation Ground, King's Park.
Tennis—Kowloon Cricket Club Tournament, 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

Cricket—Hancock Shield Match at Cox's Road, 11 a.m. (Second Day).

Football—Korea v Combined Chinese at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.
Hockey—Association matches: Recreation "A" v Dutch HC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; KTC v Recreation "B" at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Nomads v Army at Soekunpo, 11.15 a.m.; RAF v Navy at Kai Tak, 11.30 a.m.; Chung Tin v Pak SC at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; Police v Commandos at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; YMCA v HKHC at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.

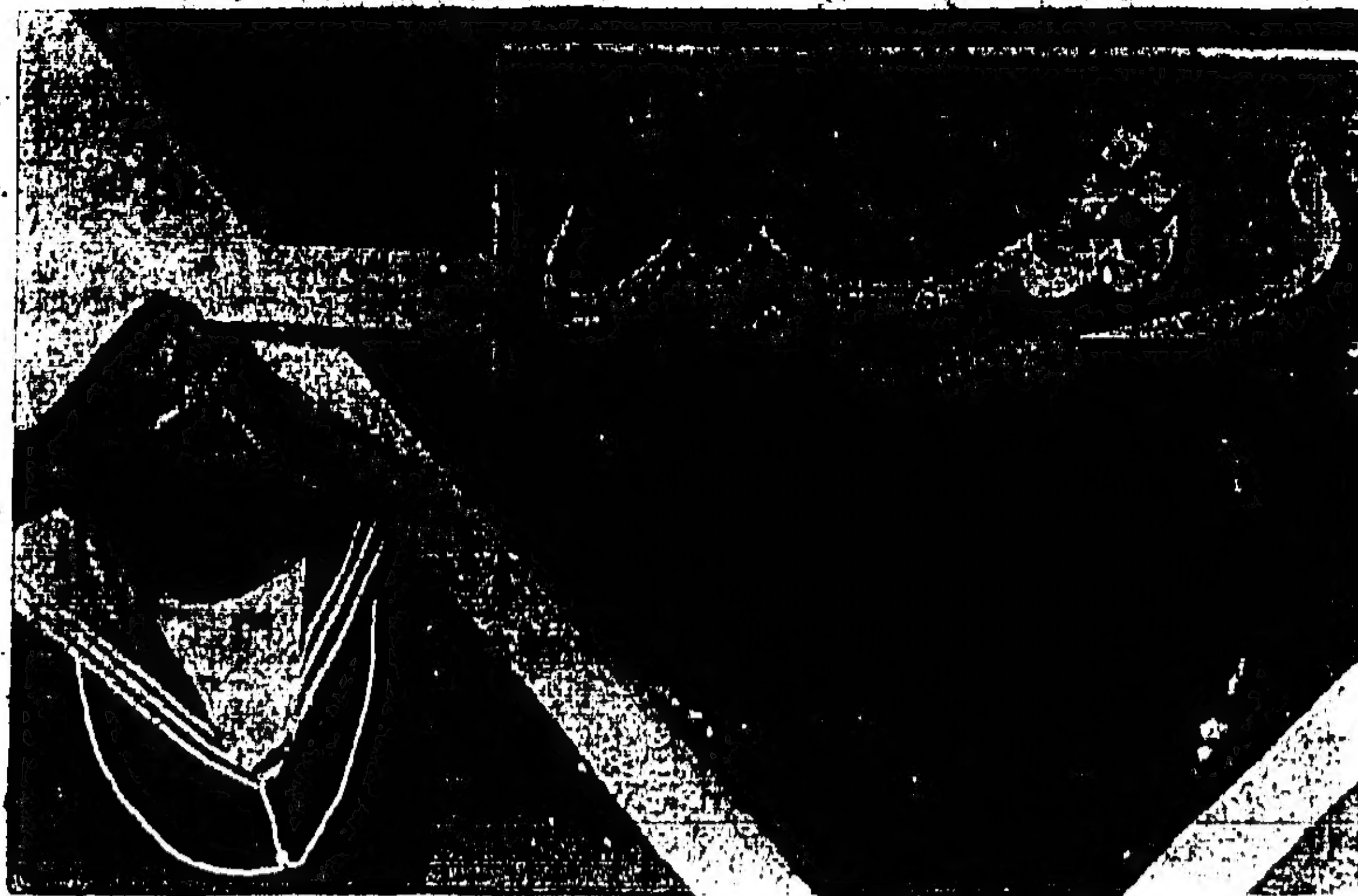
Hunting—Polo & Hunt Club meets at the Hunt Club Stables, Sacred Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

Softball—Men's Senior League Play-offs: Jaguars v Americans, CBA, 11.30 a.m.; Braves v St Joseph's, CBA, 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong League: Gallex v San Miguel, Recreation, 11.30 a.m.; Stanvac v Civil Service, CBA, 10 a.m.; Union Insurance v Gibb Livingstone, CBA, 4 p.m.

Midlets League: Lions v Bluebirds, Recreation, 10 a.m.; Aces v Saints, Recreation, 2.30 p.m.; Delaware v Blackhaws, CBA, 4 p.m.

Egyptians Have A Word For It



A sailor of the Egyptian Navy takes a pleased look at the bright new name-plate of the R.E.N. "Rashed" as the former British Navy frigate "Spey"—handed over to the Royal Egyptian Navy—sails from Plymouth for Egypt. The "Rashed" was reconstructed at Plymouth.

No Wish To Transfer African Territories

Manchester, Apr. 14.—The British Government should now tell South Africa's Prime Minister, Dr D. F. Malan, that it has no wish to resume negotiations on the proposed transfer to the Union of Swaziland, Basutoland and Bechuanaland, according to the Liberal paper, Manchester Guardian.

And They Were Empty!

Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Apr. 14.—A bulk believed to be a Spanish treasure ship in Tobermory Bay today yielded up its first gift to the Navy's salvage men.

Special new suction pumps were installed in an attempt to clear silt and sand from the hulk in the search for gold, jewellery, pieces of cloth and other valuables. Up came several empty beer bottles (modern style) then the pumps broke down and operations were suspended for the day.—Reuter.

DR. JESSUP ON Mankind's Main Hope

Washington, Apr. 14.—Dr Philip Jessup said today that the United Nations continued to offer the main hope for mankind "as a medium through which we can work to solve not only political but economic problems, and those of the mind and spirit."

Dr Jessup said he had found "a fundamental difference" separating the "peoples of Asia and the East on one hand and America and the West on the other". He urged private organisations to join the government in carrying out the proposed "Point Four" programme.

He was speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association. Dr Jessup deplored the "alleged differences which are supposed to separate the peoples of Asia and those of the Western world by a vast gulf—I cannot find such differences."

He said that on his visit to 14 Asiatic nations he found there were "true ties of human relationship" between East and West despite Rudyard Kipling's "rather unfortunate couplet."

Dr Jessup said that what the world needed was the "kind of unity flowing from common spiritual and moral impulses which we all consider so essential for the life of mankind"—United Press.

In an editorial today on yesterday's statement by Dr Malan in Cape Town, the newspaper said that the issue was a far bigger one for the British Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, than the issue of Seretse Khama.

Pointing out that Britain was firmly pledged to take no decision on such a transfer until the peoples had had a full opportunity of expressing their views, the Guardian said: "Everyone knows what their views will be and Dr Malan must realise that no British Government, of whatever political colour, could possibly consent to handing over the territories against the will of their inhabitants."

Stating that the claim had been commonly based on the South Africa Act of 1909, the Guardian said: "It was then clearly contemplated that the territories might some day be transferred."

AN UPROAR
"It is not merely that the South Africa Government's attitude towards the non-European peoples has altered for the worse."

The paper pointed out that it was the constitutional policy of the Nationalist Party to establish a Republic.

Quoting from the South Africa Act on the transfer question, the Guardian drew attention to "the important condition that the King may disallow any law made by the Governor-General and that a law so disallowed will be annulled."

The Guardian concluded: "If the British Government is to judge the proposal on general grounds, then it has over-whelming reasons against consenting to the transfer."

"To do so would betray the peoples concerned to the harshest and most racially prejudiced government in the world."

It would excite throughout Africa, and, indeed, throughout the Commonwealth, an uproar beside which the protests made

RAIN SQUALL TRAGEDY

Antigua, Leeward Islands, Apr. 14.—A holiday crowd, caught in a sudden tropical rain squall, stampeded for cover through a narrow gate here and trampled to death 10 people, including six children. Eleven others were taken to hospital seriously injured.

An estimated 2,000 picnickers rushed for the narrow gate of an old estate on Bromstone Hill, St. Kitts, when the rain began.

The estate was the site of the battle between the British and French for St. Kitts Island in the early 18th Century. It is now a holiday spot.—Reuter.

Schoolboys At Golf

London, Apr. 14.—Raj Kumar Pitamber, an Indian prince, gained the Hazard's Golfing Society's only singles at Moor Park (Hertfordshire) today against a team of boy golfers who bent them by 11 matches to two, with two halved.

He defeated Clifford Bland of Yorkshire by one hole. The boys won the singles for seven matches to one, with two halved and the foursomes for four matches to one.—Reuter.

Anti-Jew Flare-up In Germany

Hamburg, Apr. 14.—Fifty police with two vans escorted a half-Jewish woman home tonight after two hostile demonstrations—the first open flare-up of anti-Semitism in Germany since the war—when she gave evidence against Volt Harlan, the leading Nazi film producer.

The woman, 20-year-old Taring Nishoff, was booed and jeered from the public galleries while giving evidence. The German President of the court cleared the chamber, but the demonstrators waited outside for her, shaking their fists. They shouted: "You Jewish swine, what do you want here? We do not want you in Germany," when she came out.

German police dispersed the crowd. At the end of today's hearing, when Nishoff left the court, two people threatened her. No arrests were made, but the police said that they were investigating "this shameful incident."

Harlan was acquitted last year by the same court of the same charge—indignifying hatred of the Jews by producing an anti-Semitic version of Heuchtwanger's book, "Jew Suss."

His acquittal was quashed and a fresh trial was ordered by the Supreme Court in Cologne. Harlan asked through his counsel that a "real anti-Semitic film," such as the British film, "Oliver Twist," be shown to the court. This request was rejected.

The Allied authorities banned the showing of the film in the British Zone last year after Jews had protested against it.—Reuter.

Quarter-Finals Squash

London, Apr. 14.—Abdul Bari of India today won his quarter-final match in the British Open Squash Rackets Championship at the Lansdowne Club here, beating W. McLaggan of Edinburgh 9-2, 9-1 and 9-1.

Bari always had the upper hand in his match with McLaggan. In the semi-finals tomorrow he meets Gordon Watson of Australia who beat W. Gordon of London 9-1, 9-7 and 10-9 today.

In the other quarter-finals Abdul Karim of Egypt the holder, beat Alan Seymour-Haydon of Middlesex 8-10, 9-5, 9-2 and 9-0, and Jim Denar, of London beat Brian Phillips of Kent 9-0, 9-0 and 9-3.—Reuter.

MAIN TOPIC FOR BIG THREE

Washington, Apr. 14.—The future of Germany is expected to be the main European topic at the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' conference in London next month, but American Government officials here today warned against expecting any spectacular decisions.

The overall objective of the British, French and American Foreign Ministers' talks on Germany would be to consider generally her integration—both political and economic—into Europe, and to settle a number of specific problems, it was said.

Among these, according to officials here, might be: Terms for the settlement of debt claims against Germany and the related question of opening up Germany for the investment of foreign capital.

The distribution of jurisdictional powers in the Ruhr Authority. The possibility of formally ending the state of war with Germany.

The economic troubles of Western Berlin. And what to do about the 9,000,000 refugees who have entered West Germany since 1945 from the East and the related questions of unemployment and clearing in the West.

But Government officials here emphasised that the Foreign Ministers were unlikely to make any major policy decision, comparable to the Petersberg Protocol last year which established the West German Republic.

No action was anticipated on the Occupation Statute because it does not come for review until autumn this year, but the American Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, was expected to give his colleagues a "preview" of the American attitude towards the Statute in its present form.

AUSTRIAN PROBLEM
The future of Austria was also on the Foreign Ministers' agenda, the officials here said, but again they did not expect them to discuss fundamental policy changes, such as the possibility of a separate peace treaty with Austria.

But they did expect the Foreign Ministers to deal with ways of relieving Austria of some of the burdens and re-

NOTICE

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8.45 p.m. One-Year Anniversary Service, Special Candle-Light service celebrating one year of continuous meetings. (Each one is asked to bring a candle. A special invitation to those who attended the service one year ago.)

Friday, April 21

8.45 p.m. "The Strange Story of Mr. X." Something special tonight

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